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## XGA301A1

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## Safety

The manufacturer has designed this equipment to be safe when operated using the procedures detailed in this manual. The user must not use this equipment for any other purpose than that stated. Do not apply values greater than the maximum value stated.

This manual contains operating and safety instructions, which must be followed to ensure the safe operation and to maintain the equipment in a safe condition. The safety instructions are either warnings or cautions issued to protect the user and the equipment from injury or damage. Use qualified personnel and good engineering practice for all procedures in this manual.

### Electrical Safety

The instrument is designed to be completely safe when used with options and accessories supplied by the manufacturer for use with the instrument. The input power supply voltage limits are 90 to 260 V AC, 50/60Hz.

### Pressure Safety

DO NOT permit pressures greater than the safe working pressure to be applied to the instrument. The specified safe working pressure is -25 to +25 mbar.

### Toxic Materials

The use of hazardous materials in the construction of this instrument has been minimized. During normal operation it is not possible for the user to come into contact with any hazardous substance which might be employed in the construction of the instrument. Care should, however, be exercised during maintenance and the disposal of certain parts.

### Repair and Maintenance

The instrument must be maintained either by the manufacturer or an accredited service agent. Refer to www.michell.com for details of Michell Instruments' worldwide offices contact information.

### Calibration

The recommended calibration interval for the XGA301 depends on the sensor(s) fitted (see individual sensor recommendations). The instrument can be returned to the manufacturer, Michell Instruments, or one of their accredited service agents for re-calibration (go to www.michell.com for contact information).

### Safety Conformity

This product meets the essential protection requirements of the relevant EU directives.

## Abbreviations

The following abbreviations may or may not be used in this manual:

| | |
|---|---|
| AC | alternating current |
| °C | degrees Celsius |
| °F | degrees Fahrenheit |
| HMI | human machine interface |
| l/min | liters per minute |
| kg | kilogram(s) |
| LCD | liquid crystal display |
| lb | pound |
| mA | milliampere |
| mm | millimeter |
| N/C | normally closed |
| N/O | normally open |
| PC | personal computer |
| ppm | parts per million |
| RS232 | serial data transmission standard |
| V | Volts |
| W | Watt |
| % | percentage |
| " | inch |
| Ω | ohm |

## Warnings

The following general warning is applicable to this instrument. It is repeated in the text in the appropriate locations.

**Where this hazard warning symbol appears in the following sections, it is used to indicate areas where potentially hazardous operations need to be carried out.**

# 1 INTRODUCTION

The XGA301 Industrial Gas Analyzer is designed to measure oxygen, dew point and a range of gases such as $CO_2$, $CH_4$ & CO, amongst others. The analyzer can be specified with one, two or three sensors, chosen from four measurement technologies.

With its lightweight carry handle and retractable feet, it is easy to move from bench to bench or simply to a storage shelf in between usage.

There are three chassis available:

- XGA301A1 - can be fitted with a single sensor only with gas ports on the front or rear panel.
- XGA301A2 - has a larger case and can be supplied with either one, or two sensors. The analyzer has a flow meter with needle valve as standard.
- XGA301A3 - has the same chassis as the XGA301A2, but has a 4-line display and is supplied with three sensors.

## 1.1 Features

- Single, dual or triple measurement options available
- Zirconium-oxide, electrochemical, infra-red and ceramic impedance technologies available
- Easy calibration procedure through HMI
- Powerful variable speed diaphragm pump fitted for sampling the gas
- Large back-lit LCD display (16 x 2 characters)
- RS232, 0 to 10 V and 4-20 mA current loop outputs (both fully programmable)
- Fully programmable alarm circuits
- Full data-logging software accessed via RS232 connection to a PC
- PIN code protection available
- Optional printer attachment

# 2 OPERATION

**PRECAUTIONS**

**The unit should not be exposed to extreme temperatures < -5°C or > +50°C (< +23°F or > +122°F)**

**Normal operating temperature is +5 to +35°C (+41°F or +95°F)**

**Avoid direct sunlight**

**Do not use liquid cleaners, aerosols or solvents to clean the case**

**Use a damp cloth for cleaning**

**Do not use this equipment near water**

**Avoid touching the LCD display as this may cause permanent damage**

**Make sure the rear ventilation slots and the fan on the rear panel are free of obstruction**

**There are no user-serviceable parts in this unit**

**Do not attempt to repair the analyzer**

**Refer all servicing to qualified Michell Instruments' personnel**

**This unit is NOT designed for use in life support systems**

**No responsibility can be held for injury or loss of life caused by inappropriate use of this equipment**

**The unit is not suitable for enriched oxygen samples ($O_2$ > 21%)**

## 2.1 Front Panel

Figure 1 *XGA301 Front Panel*

## 2.2 Rear Panel

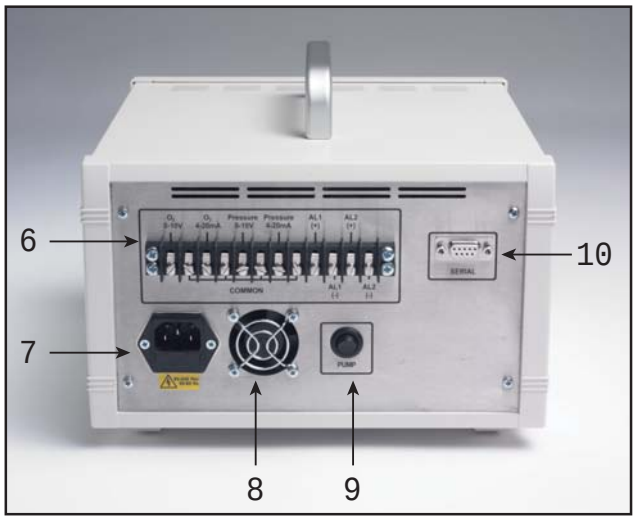


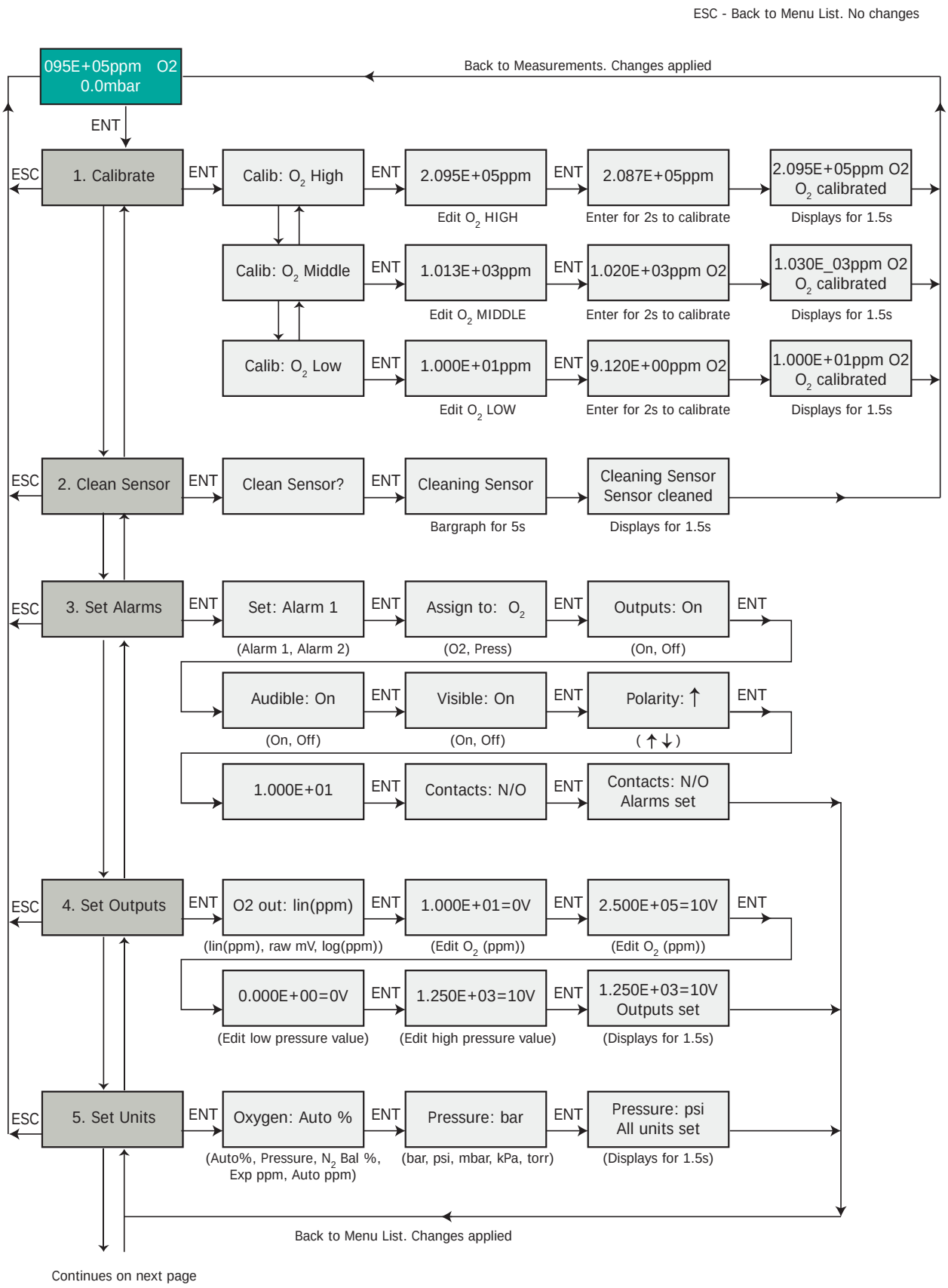

Figure 2 *XGA301 Rear Panel*

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | LCD |
| 2 | Gas In |
| 3 | Gas Out |
| 4 | Power switch |
| 5 | Keypad |
| 6 | Terminal block |
| 7 | Power socket |
| 8 | Cooling fan |
| 9 | Pump On/Off switch |
| 10 | 'D' type socket |

## 2.3 Menu System

All of the user-programmable functions are accessed via a menu system which is controlled using the front panel keypad (*Figure 1* (5)). To access the menu press the **ENT** key. To escape and return to the operating screen press the **ESC** key at any time. The menu system flow chart is shown below.

### 2.3.1 Menu Structure



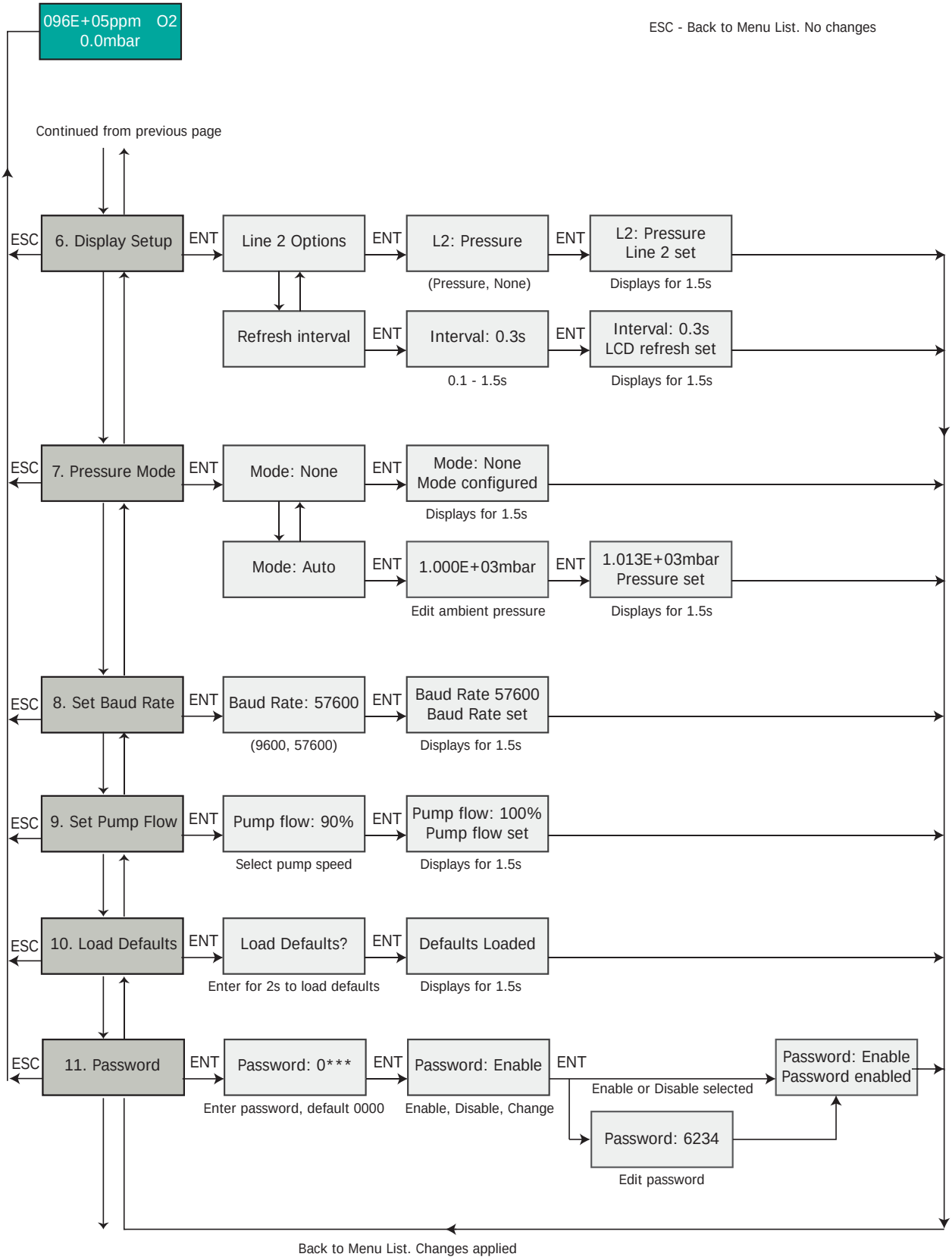



Figure 3 *Menu Structure*

## 2.4 Set-Up

Ensure that the XGA301 analyzer is located away from extreme heat and dirty environments. Plug the unit into a suitable supply, using the power cable supplied, and into the power socket (*Figure 2* (7)) on the rear panel. Make sure that the cooling fan (*Figure 2* (8)) is not obstructed during operation.

### Gas Connection

The unit is supplied as standard with push fit gas connectors located on the front or rear panel of the instrument, depending on configuration. Place the retaining collar over the sample tube (6mm OD/4mm ID) then push the tube onto the GAS IN (*Figure 1* (2)) and GAS OUT (*Figure 1* (3)) connectors and tighten the retaining collar by hand.

Alternatively the unit can be supplied with Quick connect (Rectus) or Swagelok 6mm connections.

**Warning - when using Rectus fittings:**

**Always connect the outlet fitting before the inlet to avoid pressurizing and damaging the internal pipe work and/or sensor.**

There is an optional internal sample pump, if fitted there will be a Pump On/Off switch (*Figure 2* (9)) on the rear panel. The pump will draw gas at a flow rate depending on the value set either in the software or from the menu. The default setting is one hundred percent.

Turn the unit on using the red power switch on the front (*Figure 1* (4)). The LCD (*Figure 1* (1)) will display the firmware version and may be followed by the message **HEATING SENSOR** (dependent on sensor fitted).

Allow thirty minutes for the unit to stabilize fully. This allows the components of the analyzer to reach a stable working temperature.

## 2.5 LCD Display

When a stable working temperature has been reached the LCD display will show the concentration of gas measured (in percent or ppm) on line 1 and the pressure (in mbar, bar, kPa, torr or psi) on line 2 (if an oxygen sensor is fitted). If two sensors are fitted, the second gas will be displayed on line 2. The symbol **AL1** or **AL2** may also appear in the bottom right of the LCD if the alarm system is enabled and an alarm condition applies. The oxygen sensor reading may flash, show **U/Range** or **O/Range** when its limits are reached, and display error messages if there is a fault with the sensor. See table below for more details:

## 2.6 Pump Control (if fitted)

The flow rate of gas drawn into the analyzer can be controlled using menu option [9] **Set Pump Flow**. The unit is supplied with the flow rate set to 100% which equates to approximately 1.2 l/min. If you wish to change the flow rate press the **ENT** key and use the **UP & DOWN** arrows to change the value from OFF to 100% in 10% increments. The pump can be switched on or off using the switch (*Figure 2* (9)) on the rear panel. When using the unit with a pressurized gas source the pump can be switched off.

## 2.7 Menu Access / Passwords

The analyzer has an option to set a password that will restrict access to the menus. The password menu is disabled by default in the factory. To password protect the analyzer press the **ENT** key and scroll down to the menu option [11] **PASSWORD**. Pressing the **ENT** key again will ask you for the default password which is **0000**. Enter this using the **UP** arrow and then the **RIGHT** arrow until **0000** appears on the screen, then press the **ENT** key. Once the password has been entered successfully you can choose between ENABLE, CHANGE or DISABLE in the menu using the **UP & DOWN** arrows.

To CHANGE the password to a new value use the **UP & DOWN** arrows, pressing the **RIGHT** arrow after each digit to move to the next digit, and press the **ENT** key to accept. If you press the **ENT** key at any stage it will accept whatever is currently displayed as the password. The password must be 4 digits long and can be any combination of numbers from 0-9. Make sure that the new password is noted down.

If the password function ENABLE has been chosen, each time the menu system is accessed the password prompt will display. After the correct password is entered then the full menu will be accessible. Pressing the **ESC** key takes you out of the password protected area and returns you to the Main Screen.

If the password has been forgotten contact Michell Instruments for advice on how to recover it.

## 2.8 Alarms

The XGA301 is fitted with two independent and fully programmable alarm relay outputs, which can be programmed to be either normally open (N/O - closes on alarm) or normally closed (N/C - opens on alarm). Each alarm has the option of being assigned to the oxygen, pressure (internal) or temperature sensors. It is also possible to enable the alarm relay circuits, enable an audible buzzer and enable a visual warning on the screen.

The alarms can be programmed by the user via the keypad (*Figure 1* (5)) on the front panel or using the software provided (Appendix C). To change the alarm settings scroll down to the menu option [3] **Set Alarms** and press the **ENT** key. Now use the **UP & DOWN** arrows to select **Alarm 1** or **Alarm 2** and press the **ENT** key. The next screen shows the message **Assign To:**. Use the **UP & DOWN** arrows to select $O_2$ or Pressure depending on which measurement you want the alarm to work with, and press the **ENT** key to proceed. The default is $O_2$.

The next settings configure the behaviour of the alarm. Use the **UP & DOWN** arrows to select ON or OFF for the following parameters:

1. **OUTPUTS**: This enables the rear panel relay outputs when ON is selected.
2. **AUDIBLE**: This enables or disables the audible buzzer inside the unit which will sound in an alarm condition.
3. **VISIBLE**: This enables or disables warning messages on the LCD screen on the front of the XGA301. During an alarm condition either **AL1** or **AL2** (or a combination of both) will flash at the bottom right hand corner of the display.
4. **POLARITY**: This determines whether a rising or falling alarm is being set. Use the **UP & DOWN** arrows to change the direction of the alarm to up or down. A rising alarm means that the alarm will be silent at values below the set-point but as soon as the value rises above the set-point the alarm will be triggered
5. **SETPOINT**: The current alarm set-point is displayed in scientific notation with a flashing cursor under the first digit. Use the **UP & DOWN** arrows to change the digit and the **RIGHT** arrow to progress until the correct value is displayed. Press the **ENT** key to proceed to the next setting.
6. **CONTACTS**: The relay outputs can be set to either normally open (N/O) or normally closed (N/C). The factory default is N/O, meaning the contacts will close when an alarm condition occurs. Press the **ENT** key to save all the above settings for the selected alarm.

Alarm 2 can be set in exactly the same way as described above and both alarm circuits are completely independent of each other. **NOTE: All the parameters must be programmed for each alarm in order for the settings to be saved**. The bottom line of the LCD will display **Alarm x set** (where **x** is the selected alarm channel) to confirm that the settings have been saved.

The alarm circuit relays are accessed via the terminal block on the rear panel and are clearly labelled. Alarm 1 is assigned to the terminals labelled **Alarm High** and Alarm 2 is assigned to the terminals labelled **Alarm Low**. The relay circuit is rated at 24 V, 0.5 amps maximum.

Under certain conditions (e.g. the sensor becomes disconnected) the XGA301 will set the alarm channel to OFF to prevent false alarms, and the relay contacts for the affected channel will go to the programmed N/O or N/C setting. For more information please refer to Table 2.

## 2.9 Analog Outputs

The XGA301 analyzer provides various analog outputs. The standard industrial analog outputs (0 to 10 V and 4-20 mA) for both oxygen, and temperature (or internal pressure) are accessible via the terminal block (*Figure 2* (6)) on the rear panel. These outputs have a 12 bit resolution (approximately 1 in 4000) and the lower and upper values are fully user-programmable using the keypad (*Figure 1* (5)) or the software provided (Appendix C). In the case of oxygen, three output mode options are provided for setting the outputs in order to give the user maximum flexibility:

1. **LIN**: The linear output mode setting produces an output that is scaled linearly between 0 and 10 V (or 4 and 20 mA). So, for example, if the scale is set 0 V = 0% $O_2$ and 10 V = 100% $O_2$ then 5 V would indicate an oxygen reading of 50% $O_2$. The scaling of this example is shown in the following plot, from which other intermediate values can also be read.

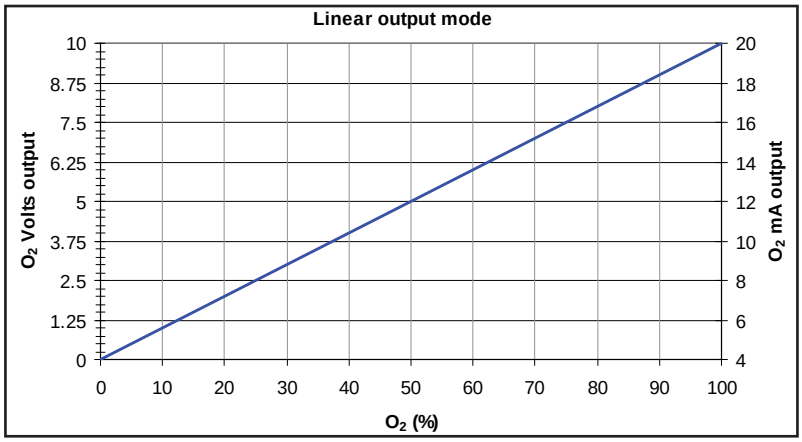



Figure 4 *Graph Showing Linear Output Mode Option For Oxygen*

The following general formulae can be used to calculate the oxygen from the voltage or current outputs when set to the linear output mode:

| Output type | Formula for calculating oxygen from analog output signal |
|---|---|
| 0-10 V | $O_2$ = Vout / 10 * ($O_2$H - $O_2$L) + $O_2$L |
| 4-20 mA | $O_2$ = (mAout – 4) / 16 * ($O_2$H - $O_2$L) + $O_2$L |

Where: $O_2$L = user setting of oxygen for 0 V or 4 mA output [1]
$O_2$H = user setting of oxygen for 10 V or 20 mA output [1]
Vout = the measured voltage output in volts
mAout = the measured current output in mA

[1] $O_2$, $O_2$L and $O_2$H must all be in the same units.

2. **Zirconia sensor only - LOG (ppm):** This setting produces an output that is scaled logarithmically between 0 V and 10 V (or 4 and 20 mA). So, for example, if the scale is set to 0 V = 0.0001% (1 ppm) and 10 V = 100% (1000000 ppm) then 5 V would indicate an oxygen reading of 0.1% (1000 ppm). This scale is more suitable for large ranges of oxygen down to very low ppm levels. Note that because the scaling is logarithmic 0 V cannot be set to 0% oxygen since log(0) is -∞. The lowest permitted setting is 0 V = 10-20 ppm (or 10-24%)$O_2$. The scaling of this example is shown in the blue line in following plot, from which other intermediate values can also be read. For comparison the red line shows the limitations of using the linear oxygen output mode over the same range. This setting is more suitable for large ranges of oxygen e.g. 10 ppm to 21%.

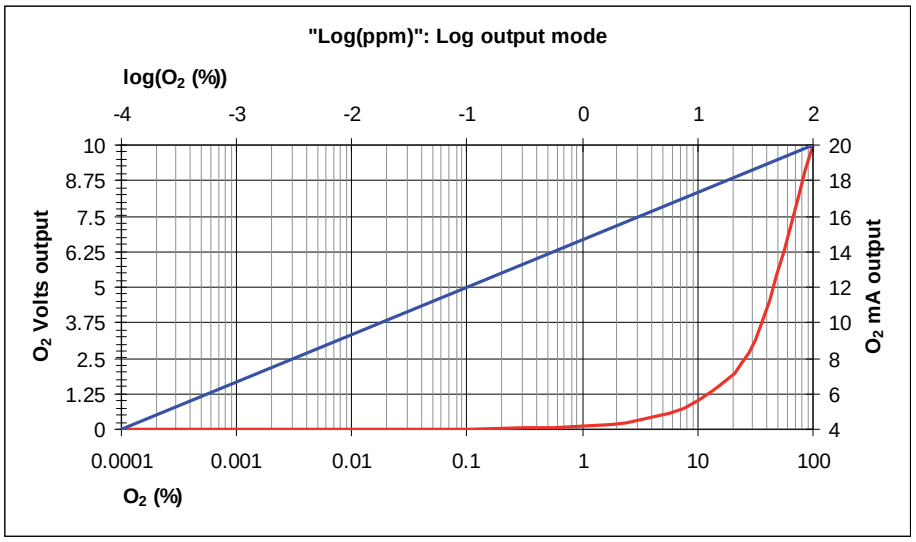



Figure 5 *Graph Showing Logarithmic Output Mode*

The following general formulae can be used to calculate the oxygen from the voltage or current outputs when set to the log output mode:

| Output type | Formula for calculating log10($O_2$) from analog output signal |
|---|---|
| 0-10 V | log10($O_2$) = Vout / 10 * log10($O_2$H / $O_2$L) + log10($O_2$L) |
| 4-20 mA | log10($O_2$) = (mAout – 4) / 16 * log10($O_2$H / $O_2$L) + log10($O_2$L) |

Where: $O_2$L = user setting of oxygen for 0 V or 4 mA output [2]
$O_2$H = user setting of oxygen for 10 V or 20 mA output [2]
Vout = the measured voltage output in volts
mAout = the measured current output in mA

[2] $O_2$, $O_2$L and $O_2$H must all be in the same units.

**NOTE: $O_2$ = 10 log($O_2$)**

3. **Zirconia sensor only - RAW (mV):** This setting is for customers who like to monitor the raw sensor EMF signal. The signal from a sensor goes from approximately -50 mV at 100% $O_2$ through zero at approx 5% $O_2$ and to +1000 mV at extremely low $O_2$ levels. So, for example, if the scale is set to 0 V (output) = -50 mV (sensor voltage at approximately 100% $O_2$) and 10 V (output) = 250 mV (sensor voltage at approximately 1 ppm $O_2$) then 5 V would indicate a sensor voltage of 100 mV. The scaling of this example is shown in the following plot, from which other intermediate values can also be read.

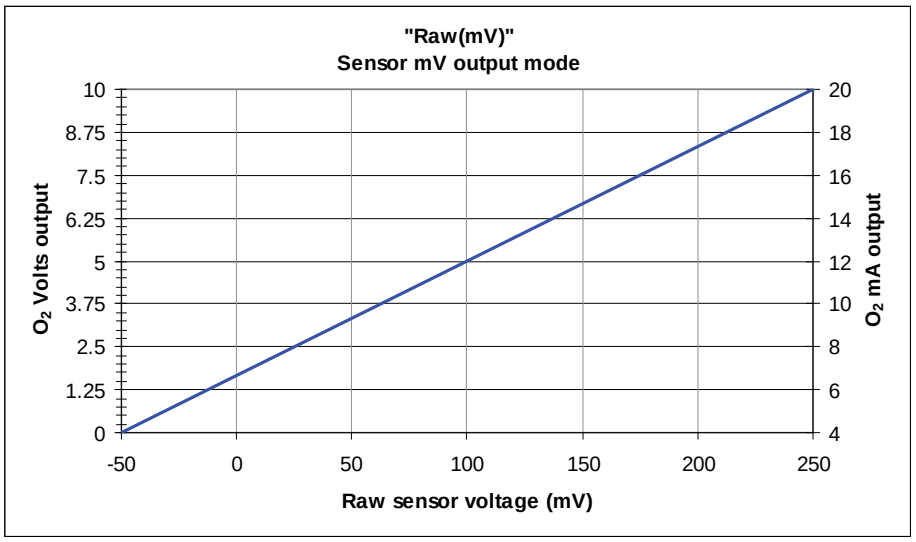



Figure 6 *Graph Showing Raw Sensor mV Output Mode Option For Oxygen*

The following general formulae can be used to calculate the oxygen sensor raw voltage ($O_2$ mV) from the voltage or current outputs when set to the raw sensor voltage output mode:

| Output type | Formula for calculating sensor mV from analog output signal |
|---|---|
| 0-10 V | $O_2mV = Vout / 10 * (O_2mVH - O_2mVL) + O_2mVL$ |
| 4-20 mA | $O_2mV = (mAout – 4) / 16 * (O_2mVH - O_2mVL) + O_2mVL$ |

Where: $O_2mVL$ = user setting of oxygen mV for 0 V or 4 mA output
$O_2mVH$ = user setting of oxygen mV for 10 V or 20 mA output
Vout = the measured voltage output in volts
mAout = the measured current output in mA

The auxiliary outputs are fixed to the pressure sensor on this model.

To modify the oxygen analog output range scroll down the menu option [4] **Set Outputs** and press the **ENT** key. Use the **UP & DOWN** arrows to select the output type either lin(ppm), log(ppm) or raw(mV) and press the **ENT** key. The lower and upper values can now be edited using the the **UP, DOWN** and **RIGHT** arrows. Once programmed the new values remain in the memory until they are edited again in the future.

## 2.10 Pressure Outputs

To select and modify the pressure outputs scroll down to menu option [4] **Set Outputs** and press the **ENT** key four times. Change the low and high range using the same procedure described above. The permissible range is -1000 mbar to +2000 mbar.

**NOTE: The voltage (0 to 10 V) and current (4 to 20 mA) outputs are locked together, so that these outputs cannot be set independently of each other. In normal operation therefore, 0 V output always corresponds to 4 mA and 10 V always corresponds to 20 mA output.**

During initial warm up the XGA301 will display the serial number and the output sent to the rear terminal for oxygen will stay at 2 mA (1.25 V) which is the standby signal. If at any stage a sensor becomes disconnected internally, or the signal exceeds the measurable range for that sensor, then the display will indicate there is a fault and the outputs will change to 1 mA (0.625 V) which is the sensor fault signal. This will recover as soon as the sensor is reconnected and the fault cleared. Additional current and voltage signals are provided by the analyzer to give an indication of various conditions and these are described in the table below, together with the status of the alarms during the condition:

| $O_2$ Analog Outputs | | Description | Explanation | Alarms [3] |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Current [1] (4-20 mA) | Voltage [2] (0-10 V) | | | |
| 1 mA | 0.625 V | Fault | There is a sensor fault on the oxygen sensor, and/or the temperature sensor has a fault condition, and/ or the pressure mode is set to automatic (pressure compensation active) and the pressure sensor has a fault condition. | De-activated |
| 2 mA | 1.25 V | Start up | The analyzer is still initializing. | De-activated |
| 2.5 mA | 1.5625 V | Sensor under range | The sensor reading is under range. | Active |
| 3 mA | 1.875 V | Sensor over range | The sensor reading is over range. | Active |
| 3.5 mA | 2.1875 V | Sensor operating out of specification | The sensor reading is in range but the temperature sensor reading is out of range, and/or the pressure mode is set to automatic (pressure compensation active) and the pressure sensor is out of range. | Active |
| 4 to 20 mA | 0 to 10 V | Normal operating output | The $O_2$ sensor and associated (1) sensor(s) are operating normally and readings are in range. | Active |
| **Pressure Analog Outputs** | | **Description** | **Explanation** | **Alarms [3]** |
| **Current [1] (4-20 mA)** | **Voltage [2] (0-10 V)** | | | |
| 1 mA | 0.625 V | Fault | The pressure sensor has a fault. | De-activated |
| 2 mA | 1.25 V | Start up | The analyzer is still initializing. | De-activated |
| 2.5 mA | 1.5625 V | Sensor under range | The pressure sensor reading is under range. | Active |
| 3 mA | 1.875 V | Sensor over range | The pressure sensor reading is over range. | Active |
| 4 to 20 mA | 0 to 10 V | Normal operating output | The pressure sensor is operating normally and readings are in range. | Active |

Table 1 Analog Output Settings and Alarm Status for Certain Conditions

**Notes**:

[1] The current outputs are active self-powered outputs - they are not loop powered.

[2] The voltage (0 to 10 V) outputs produce non-zero voltages during start-up, fault and over/under range conditions - if 1 V to 5 V outputs are required, with these conditions indicated by corresponding voltages between 0 V and 1 V, the current outputs can be used, with a 250 Ω load resistor.

[3] Alarms are de-activated during start up initialization, and when a fault condition occurs on the assigned sensor.

## 2.11 Setting the Display Units

The notation used by the display is fully programmable to suit your needs using the keypad (*Figure 1* (5)) or the software provided (Appendix C).

The following options are available:

1. **Oxygen**: The oxygen reading can be displayed in percent (e.g. 20.95%), ppm (e.g. 0.01 ppm) or scientific (e.g. 2.095E+05 ppm). If percent is selected the XGA301 will display oxygen as a percentage down to 0.1% and ppm below this value. There are also options to display the oxygen reading in terms of a pressure (units will be the same as the units selected for pressure) or a nitrogen balance (%$N_2$) reading. In this case the reading displayed is 100-$O_2$% = $N_2$ so for example in air 21% the nitrogen balance reading will display 79% $N_2$. **NOTE: This is NOT an actual nitrogen reading.**
2. **Pressure**: The reading can be displayed in mbar, bar, psi, torr or kPa.

To program these options scroll down to menu option [5] **Set Units** and press the **ENT** key. Use the **ENT** key to progress through the list and the the **UP & DOWN** arrows to select the required units. Once selected press the **ENT** key to store and return to run mode.

## 2.12 Setting the Display Options

The user can select the LCD refresh rate and the format of the Line 2 display using the keypad or the software provided. Scroll down to menu option [6] **Display Setup** and press the **ENT** key. Use the **UP & DOWN** arrows to select either the LCD refresh rate or Line 2 options:

1. **LCD Refresh Interval**: The frequency of the display update can be selected from 0.1 to 1.5 seconds. The current setting can be edited using the same method as described previously. Once edited press the **ENT** key to store and return to the main menu. The default setting is 0.3 seconds.
2. **Line 2 Options**: The information displayed on Line 2 of the LCD can be chosen by the user. The options are None or Pressure (displayed in mbar, bar, psi, torr or KPa). Use the **UP & DOWN** arrows to select the required option and press the **ENT** key to store and return to the main menu.

## 2.13 Pressure Mode

The user has the option of using the reading from the internal pressure sensor (where fitted) to automatically correct for changes in gas pressure and hence oxygen pressure. A manual pressure correction value for ambient pressure conditions can also be entered to improve accuracy of the correction (factory setting is 1013 mbar absolute). To access this function scroll down to menu option [7] **Pressure Mode** and press the **ENT** key. The desired mode can then be selected using the **UP & DOWN** arrows and pressing the **ENT** key to store and proceed. The two modes available are:

1. **None**: If this mode is selected then there is no pressure correction performed on the oxygen reading. The pressure and oxygen sensor act independently. If the sensor is working in air (20.95%) and the pressure is doubled to 1000 mbar then the reading will also double to 41.9%. This is the correct oxygen partial pressure in air at 2 bar since there is a simple linear relationship between pressure and concentration.

2. **Auto**: This is the factory default setting. If the Auto mode is selected then the XGA301 uses the reading from the internal pressure sensor to correct the oxygen partial pressure and maintain a concentration reading. If the sensor is working in air (20.95%) and the pressure suddenly jumped to, for example, 500 mbar above atmospheric, the oxygen reading would remain at 20.95% because the sensor has been corrected for the pressure change. This allows users who are working with fluctuating input pressures to maintain a 'meaningful' reading of oxygen concentration that will only be affected by changes in gas composition and not gas pressure.

**NOTE: When this mode is activated the user will be asked to enter a value for the current ambient pressure to slightly improve the accuracy of the correction. The factory default is 1013 mbar which is the average ambient pressure for the UK. The ambient pressure at the location will depend on altitude and prevailing weather conditions.**

## 2.14 Setting the Baud Rate

If you are using the software for data logging you can chose the communications speed (Baud Rate) by scrolling down to menu option [8] **Set Baud Rate** and using the **UP & DOWN** arrows to select either 9600 or 57,600. Press the **ENT** key again to store and return to normal operation. The default factory setting is 57,600. However if an older PC is being used, decrease this to 9600 to improve the reliability of the software and data communications.

## 2.15 RS232 Port

It is possible to factory-set the data communications port to RS232. Once configured at the factory it is not possible to change unless the unit is returned to Michell Instruments. Data from the XGA301 is sent on demand to the 9-way 'D' type socket (*Figure 2* (10)) on the rear panel and can be read using a simple terminal programme such as 'HyperTerminal' in Windows, or with the user's own custom software. Alternatively a simple and convenient data logger programme is included with the supplied software and is described in Appendix D.

### 2.15.1 RS232 Protocol

Oxygen data can be read from the RS232 port at the back of the XGA301. The default RS232 configuration is 57600-8-N-1, as shown in this example for COM1:

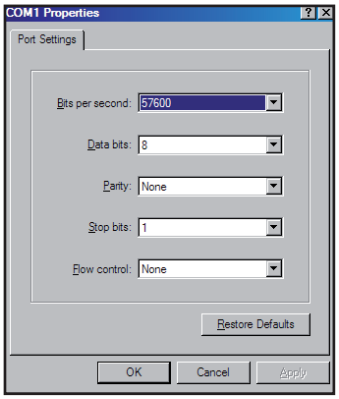



Figure 7 *XGA301 Default COM Properties Box*

Alternatively, the baud rate can be reduced to 9600 via the menu option [8] **Set Baud Rate**, using the front panel keypad on the XGA301. This setting is stored in EEPROM.

Connection: Connect to RS232 socket at the back of the XGA301 using a 9 way D-type plug. Signals are as follows:

| XGA301 D-type Socket: | | PC/PLC: |
|---|---|---|
| Pin# 2= Data Out | → | Data In (RX) |
| Pin# 3= Data In | → | Data Out (TX) |
| Pin# 5 = Common/Gnd | -- | Common/Gnd |

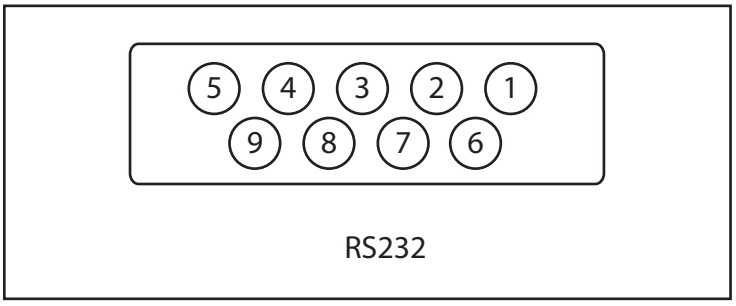



Figure 8 XGA301 RS232 Pin Configuration

All other pins (1,4,6,7,8,9) = Not Used

Reading Data: Data is read using command "D". Send the single character "D" to the XGA301. The XGA301 replies with one of the following responses. All valid responses end with [CR] & [LF] (where [CR] = ASCII 13 and [LF] = ASCII 10).

Response: !Initialising[CR][LF]
Meaning: XGA301 is still initialising

Response: !Sensor heating[CR][LF]
Meaning: XGA301 is still heating sensor to operating temperature

Response: !Sensor cooling[CR][LF]
Meaning: XGA301 is still cooling sensor to operating temperature. This can happen when switching from Normal to Helium operating mode.

Response: !Cleaning sensor[CR][LF]
Meaning: XGA301 has finished heating sensor and is cleaning the sensor for 5 seconds

Response: !User setup active[CR][LF]
Meaning: The configuration menu has been activated via the front panel keypad. The menu will automatically time out 60 seconds after the last key was pressed, or press the **ESC** key to return immediately to normal run mode.

Response: !Possible sensor fault[CR][LF]
Meaning: The sensor has failed to reach operating temperature within 10 minutes from power up. This may be due to the age of the sensor, or because a high thermal conductivity gas is being used.

Response: !No sensor or sensor fault[CR][LF]
Meaning: Sensor is not connected, or there is a fault in the sensor

Response: d2.959E+05,-1.426E+01,2.000E+00,,23:19:40,14/01/00,,,ALM1&2,0[CR][LF]
Meaning: "d" means data is being sent
"2.959E+05" is Oxygen reading in ppm
"," = data separator
"-1.426E+01" is Oxygen sensor reading in mV
"," = data separator
"2.000E+00" is the internal pressure sensor reading in bar (gauge)
"," = data separator
"23:19:40" is XGA301 time
"," = data separator
"14/01/00" is XGA301 date in DD/MM/YY format
",,," = data separators
"ALM1&2" means both alarm conditions 1 and 2 exist *
"," = data separator
"0" = sensor state code (0=OK, 1=$O_2$ O/Range, 2= $O_2$ U/Range, 3=$O_2$ Fault, 4=Press. U/Range, 5=Press. O/Range, 6= Press. Fault**)
[CR] = ASCII 13 (Carriage Return character)
[LF] = ASCII 10 (Line Feed character)

* If no alarm conditions exist, this data is empty, so the response would look like d2.959E+05,-1.426E+01,2.000E+00, ,23:19:40,14/01/00,,,,0[CR][LF]

** These are binary codes so fault combinations produce other numbers

Response: ?
Meaning: "D" command was not recognized. Try to send it again.

## 2.16 Printing

If you have purchased the printer option then you have the option to print out various data from the analyzer straight on to thermal paper. Simply connect the printer to the unit using the serial socket on the rear of the machine and make sure the printer is switched on (battery and mains versions are available). To print the live values on the LCD at any time simply press the **RIGHT** arrow on the front panel. Each push of the button will print out the serial number followed by the data in a tabbed format followed by a blank line. If the button is held down, the printer will keep printing data (but not the serial number).

When the printer is first connected or turned on, a start-up message like the one displayed on the LCD when the XGA301 is switched on will be printed, and will look like this:

Michell Instruments
XGA301
Oxygen Analyzer
S/N: 146877
FW v 01.01.12.21

# 3 CALIBRATION

The XGA301 analyzer can be supplied with one, two or three sensors from different technologies.

## 3.1 Calibration Zirconia Sensor

Full calibration is a simple procedure requiring only two or three gases (one of which is normally air – 20.95%). The two gas values are user-selectable and can be changed by using the front keypad (*Figure 1* (5)) or the Communications Software as described in Appendix C. The calibration values can be stored on file for later use.

Care must be taken to calibrate the analyzer so that, whenever possible, the range of measurement lies between the two calibration point extremes. For example, if you are working at 10 ppm but have calibrated the analyzer between 21% and 100% then the analyzer will be inaccurate. It should be calibrated at about 4 ppm and 21% to be sure of good accuracy. The procedure is as follows:

1. Bearing in mind the points made above, decide which two (or three) gases are going to be used for calibration. If you are constantly working at a particular range of compositions then it would be wise to obtain small cylinders of calibration gas with analysis certificates. Michell Instruments can supply these. Press the **ENT** key on the front panel keypad (*Figure 1* (5)) to access the menu system. The calibration function is on the menu list, which can be scrolled using the **UP & DOWN** arrows. Press the **ENT** key again to enter the calibration menu. Use the **UP & DOWN** arrows to select **O2 HIGH**, **O2 MIDDLE** or **O2 LOW** and press the **ENT** key to proceed. The top line of the display shows the current calibration gas stored and the bottom line of the display shows the prompts. If the gas value is not what you require you can edit the value (in ppm scientific notation) using the **UP, DOWN** and **RIGHT** arrows on the keypad. The cursor flashes underneath the digit to edit. For example air (20.95%) should be entered as 2.095E+05 ppm (209,500 ppm). **NOTE: It is not possible to go backwards to edit a digit to the left of the cursor.** Instead keep pressing the **RIGHT** arrow and the cursor will wrap around back to the beginning. Alternatively press the **ESC** key to start again. Press the **ENT** key when you are ready to proceed.

| Scientific Format | Meaning | Equivalent | Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | ppm | Percent |
| 1.000E+06 ppm | 1.000 x 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 ppm | 100.00% |
| 2.095E+05 ppm | 2.095 x 100,000 | 209,500 ppm | 20.95% |
| 1.000E+05 ppm | 1.000 x 100,000 | 100,000 ppm | 10.00% |
| 1.000E+04 ppm | 1.000 x 10,000 | 10,000 ppm | 1.000% |
| 1.000E+03 ppm | 1.000 x 1,000 | 1,000 ppm | 0.100% |
| 1.000E+02 ppm | 1.000 x 100 | 100.0 ppm | 0.010% |
| 1.000E+01 ppm | 1.000 x 10 | 10.00 ppm | 0.001% |
| 1.000E+00 ppm | 1.000 x 1 | 1.000 ppm | 0.0001% |

Table 2 Common Scientific Format

2. The sensor needs to be exposed to the first calibration gas from a cylinder (or exposed to ambient air, 20.95% if this is the calibration gas of choice). Allow several minutes to pass to flush the sensor properly. Wait for the top line of the display (*Figure 1* (1)) to become stable. To complete the calibration, press and hold the **ENT** key for two seconds. During this time a bar graph will progress across the lower display. The analyzer will then recalibrate and display **O2 recalibrated** and then return to normal run mode. The display will now correctly read the value of the first calibration gas. **NOTE: If the ENT key is released before two seconds have elapsed, the recalibration will be aborted and when the analyzer eventually returns to run mode it will use the existing calibration.**

3. The analyzer should ideally be calibrated at normal ambient pressure. If the pressure correction mode is set to AUTO then it is still possible to perform an accurate calibration at pressures other than ambient. However above 25 mbar (gauge) or below -25 mbar (gauge) the display will flash and **P?** will display to warn you that the pressure is either above or below the range recommended for accurate calibration.

4. The analyzer predicts the correct signal from the sensor during calibration and if this is outside the range of expected values then the display will flash and display **G?** to warn you that either the cal gas flowing over the sensor is different to the value that has been programmed OR the sensor may be old and approaching the end of its life. Check before proceeding!

5. To calibrate against the second or third calibration gas, repeat the procedure from 2 but this time press the **ENT** key followed by the **UP & DOWN** arrows to scroll through to the **O2 MIDDLE** or **O2 LOW** screen. Flush the sensor chamber with the second calibration gas allowing several minutes for the new gas to flush through. Wait for the display to become stable before pressing the **ENT** key for two seconds. The analyzer will then recalibrate and display **O2 recalibrated** and then return to normal run mode. The display will now correctly read the value of the calibration gas.

6. The analyzer is now correctly calibrated and will read accurately between these two calibration points. Note that this procedure can be performed remotely using the software described in Appendix D. This process can be repeated for the third calibration gas if required.

7. If at any time, difficulties are encountered and the machine needs to be restored to its factory set calibration, use the configuration software provided and load the default settings. Each machine is provided with a unique file that contains the factory settings. This is located on the CD-ROM provided and is copied onto your PC during the installation process.

8. The three calibration points are independent of each other so the analyzer can be calibrated in any order. However note that **O2 HIGH** must always be greater than **O2 MIDDLE** which must always be greater than **O2 LOW**. Typically the factory settings are: **O2 HIGH**=20.95%, **O2 MIDDLE**=0.1% (1000 ppm) and **O2 LOW**=0.001% (10 ppm).

**NOTE: A FULL calibration must be performed to achieve good accuracy.**

# 4 ZIRCONIA SENSOR

## 4.1 Start-Up

The sensor will take approximately four minutes to come up to temperature, after which the XGA301 will begin to take measurements. The progress of the sensor heater is shown in the form of a bar graph on the LCD (*Figure 1* (1)).

During the warm-up period it is common for the baseline oxygen to drift by a small amount, which may be corrected by re-calibrating (see Section 3.1).

## 4.2 Display Possibilities

| Sensor Reading Display Possibilities | |
|---|---|
| $O_2$ reading > 9999.9% | Display shows **O/Range** |
| $O_2$ reading > 1.0 ppm and < 9999.9% | Display shows the normal oxygen reading in % or ppm |
| $O_2$ reading > 0.5 ppm and < 1.0 ppm | Display flashes to warn the measurement limit is approaching |
| $O_2$ reading < 0.5 ppm | Display shows **U/Range** |
| $O_2$ reading is flashing | Indicates that the pressure sensor is out of range and automatic pressure correction is on |
| $O_2$ sensor takes > 10 minutes to warm up | Display shows **Possible sensor Fault** because the sensor heater is failing |
| $O_2$ sensor has failed completely or become disconnected | Display shows **No sensor or sensor Fault** |
| $O_2$ sensor is ok but the pressure sensor is faulty and the auto pressure correction mode is selected | Display shows **Fault** flashing |
| **Pressure Sensor Display Possibilities** | |
| Pressure reading is > 1000 mbar | Display shows **O/Range Press** |
| Pressure reading is > -1000 mbar and < 1000 mbar | Display shows the normal pressure reading in mbar, bar, kPa, torr or psi |
| Pressure reading is < -1000 mbar | Display shows **U/Range Press** |
| Pressure sensor has failed completely or become disconnected | Display shows **Fault Press** with the word **Fault** flashing |

Table 3 Sensor Reading Display Possibilities

**The unit is not suitable for enriched oxygen samples ($O_2$ > 21%).**

**While the sensor is capable of measuring oxygen up to 100%, it is NOT recommended as the sample wetted materials are not suitable for enriched oxygen.**

## 4.3 Cleaning the Zirconia Sensor

The sensor head is located inside the analyzer and comprises a zirconia ceramic tube that needs to be heated to 650°C before it will conduct oxygen ions. The analyzer supplies heat to the sensor, which is controlled very accurately by a regulated power supply incorporated in the instrument. An internally mounted pressure sensor compensates for any fluctuations in pressure or vacuum caused by differing flow conditions.

The sensor can be cleaned at any time by pressing the **ENT** key on the keypad (*Figure 1* (5)) and scrolling down to menu option [2] **Clean Sensor** or using the software described in Appendix C. Press the **ENT** key to proceed. The screen displays **Clean Sensor?**. Press the **ENT** key again and the cleaning will take place. The procedure takes approximately five seconds and the LCD display shows the progress of the operation. Once finished the analyzer will take a moment to re-stabilize. The sensor is cleaned each time the unit is switched on prior to operation. If you are operating in gases with large amounts of soot, there is a risk that the sensor surfaces will become contaminated with particulates, which will impair performance if allowed to build up. The cleaning operation pumps oxygen through the zirconia tube, which burns the particulates away from the sensor surface.

## 4.4 Load Defaults

If a mistake is made while programming the XGA301 it is possible to restore the machine back to its factory settings by loading the unique default configuration that is supplied on the software CD-ROM. The default set-up can only be accessed using the software provided. See Appendix C for further details.

Alternatively, reset to generic factory defaults directly from the front panel keypad. Press the **ENT** key to enter the user setup menu and select menu option [10] **Load Defaults** and press the **ENT** key to proceed. The next screen will say **Load Defaults ?** with the prompt to press and hold the **ENT** key for 2 seconds to confirm. To complete this - press the **ENT** key until the bar graph has completed and the screen says **Defaults Loaded**. This will give all the basic settings that are factory set. Re-calibrate the sensor and check all the settings are suitable.

# 5 DEW-POINT SENSOR

The sensor is factory calibrated at 7 points and is supplied with a calibration certificate, no further adjustment will be necessary. This calibration is valid for 1 year from despatch from the factory and the unit or sensor can be returned for factory calibration. Please note, a sensor exchange program is in place, details of which can be provided by your local Michell office or representative.

To measure water dew point correctly you must use appropriate fittings, tubing and regulators. You should only use FEP or stainless pipe when measuring dew point as most plastics are highly permeable to water molecules. If you are running pipes from a gas regulator make sure good quality Swagelok type fittings are used and any gas regulators are fitted with stainless steel diaphragms. The Rectus fittings on the XGA301 will maintain a gas tight seal and allow a sample of low dew point to be trapped inside to reduce sampling times.

**Warning:**

**Always connect the outlet fitting before the inlet to avoid pressurizing and damaging the internal pipe work.**

**$H_2O$ Reading**: The default setting for Line 2 of the display is $H_2O$. Other options for line 2 are Pressure (displayed in mbar, bar, psi, torr or kPa), or to alternate between pressure and $H_2O$ (both $H_2O$ and pressure are displayed alternatively) or the date and time (displayed dd/mm/yy HH:mm:ss). Use the **UP & DOWN** arrows to select the display required and press **ENT** to store and return to normal operating mode.

If either the dew-point or pressure sensor fails in any way they will report "Fault $H_2O$" or "Fault Press" on the second line of the display. If pressure correction is set to "Auto" and there is a fault with the pressure sensor then the oxygen reading will also display "Fault" to warn that it may be unreliable. Please contact Michell Instruments for advice.

When configuring the software please refer to Appendix C.6.1. **Auxiliary Analog Output (0 V/4 mA & 10 V/20 mA).**

**$H_2O$ Calibration Gas 1 & 2** are greyed out when an Easidew is fitted as the sensor must be returned to Michell Instruments for calibration.

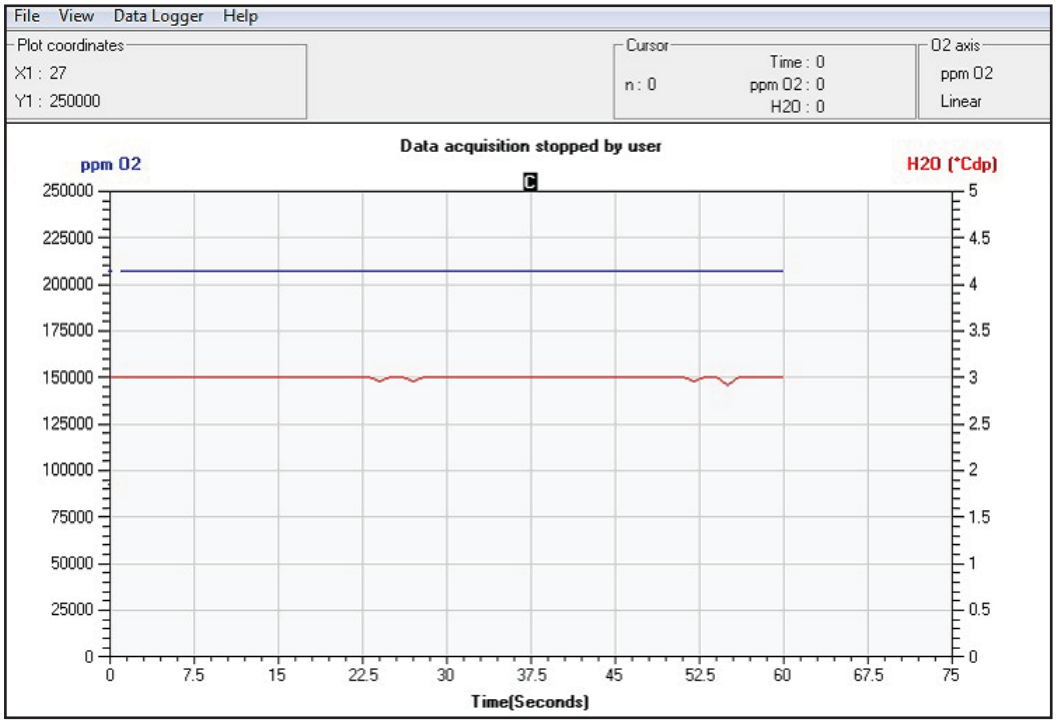
**$H_2O$ Sensor ADC Reading High & Low:** These boxes are for information purposes only and show the ADC value that the $H_2O$ sensor is transmitting at 4 mA and 20 mA.

**Alarm Source:** Use the drop down box to assign a detector to the alarm. If you want the alarm to be based on dew-point readings select $H_2O$ from the drop down list.

### Real Time Graph

When selected, the Easidew output will be displayed on a graph with the other measurand. It is possible to have dual scaling on the Y axis.

The example below has oxygen and dew point:




### Configuring the Second Y Axis

The secondary Y axis located on the right hand side of the graph can be used to display either $H_2O$ or pressure taken from the internal pressure sensor. It is not possible to display $H_2O$ and pressure at the same time. The axis is linear and auto-scaling. To select the mode of the secondary axis select 'View' and then 'Second Axis Display'. Choose from the available list.

# Appendix A

# Technical Specifications

## Appendix A Technical Specifications

| Performance | |
|---|---|
| **Sensor Type: Zirconia Sensor** | |
| Measurement Range | 1 ppm to 30%*<br>*Not suitable for enriched oxygen |
| Calibration (User) | Requires 2 or 3 user-selectable gases |
| Accuracy | ±1% of the reading of 0.5 ppm, whichever is greater |
| Response Time | Approx. 5 seconds for a 90% step change<br>(gas flow rate of 1 Nl/min$^{-1}$) |
| Stability | ±2% of reading per month |
| Life Expectancy | Greater than 17,500 hours |
| **Sensor Type: Ceramic Impedance**** | |
| Measurement Range | -100 to +20°Cdp (-148 to +68°Fdp) |
| Calibration (factory) | Traceable 7-point calibration certificate |
| Accuracy | ±2°Cdp |
| Output | Dew point or ppm$_V$ moisture content |
| ****XGA301A2 only<br>Please see Easidew Transmitter datasheet for more information** | |
| **Analyzer** | |
| Operating Temperature | +5 to +35°C (+41°F to +95°F) |
| Warm-Up Time | 3 to 4 minutes @ +20°C (+68°F) |
| Maximum Inlet Temperature | +50°Cdp (+122°Fdp) |
| Sample Flow Rate | 0 to 1.2 Nl/min, user-selectable with pump |
| Maximum Inlet Pressure | 1 barg |
| Display | 16 x 2 character (9mm) back-lit LCD |
| Power Supply | 90–260 V AC, 50/60 Hz |
| Outputs | 2 x 4–20 mA, 2x alarm relays RS232<br>2 x 0–10 V (XGA301A1 only)<br>2 x 0–5 V (XGA301A2/A3 only) |
| Sample Connections | Standard - 4mm ID / 6mm OD nipple — gas fittings on front panel<br>Optional - Rectus or Swagelok 6mm fittings, rear panel fittings for XGA301A1 only |
| Dimensions | XGA301A1 - 250 x 263 x 150mm (9.8 x 10.4 x 5.9")<br>XGA301A2/A3 - 350 x 263 x 150mm (13.8 x 10.4 x 5.9") |
| Weight | XGA301A1 - 3.5 kg (7.7 lbs)<br>XGA301A2/A3 - 4 to 5.5 kg (8.8 to 12.1 lbs) |

**Note:** The XGA301A3 has only 2 off mA outputs that are freely assignable to any of the sensors fitted. If all three sensors require logging at the same time, this can be achieved via the RS232

# Appendix B

# EU Declaration of Conformity

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We declare under our sole responsibility that the product:

## XGA301 Industrial Gas Analyser

complies with all the essential requirements of the EU directives listed below.

| | |
|---|---|
| **2014/30/EU** | **EMC Directive** |
| **2014/35/EU** | **Low Voltage Directive (LVD)** |
| **2011/65/EU** | **Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive (RoHS2)** |

and has been designed to be in conformance with the relevant sections of the following standards or other normative documents.

| | |
|---|---|
| EN61326-(+A1/A2):1997 | Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – EMC requirements –Class B (emissions) and General Locations (immunity). |
| EN61010-1:2010 | Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use - Part 1: General Requirements |

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# Appendix C

# Software Installation

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## C.1 Software Installation

It is possible to programme a range of variables to the XGA301 using an RS232 link with a PC running MS-Windows (all versions) and the supplied XGA301 software. The software is installed automatically by inserting the XGA301 CD into the CD-ROM drive. If auto-installation does not start then click the Windows START button and select RUN. Type X:\setup.exe where X is the drive letter of the CD. Alternatively access the CD from Windows Explorer or the 'My Computer' icon on your desktop, and double-click on the 'Setup.exe' programme. Follow the on-screen instructions to install the programme onto the hard drive. Once installed, access the programme by clicking START - PROGRAMS – XGA301 Software.

The software has been tested successfully on most language machines including Chinese, Korean & Japanese and all current versions of Windows operating system. We do not recommend the use of Vista as the unit will not communicate successfully with this operating system.

Note that software is 'regionally aware' and will therefore accept and display data using the decimal separator that is set in the PC's Regional Settings in the Control Panel. For example, in the UK or US, you might enter the value 2.5 - in continental Europe this would normally be entered as 2,5 assuming the PC's Regional Settings have been set up to use ',' as the decimal separator.

## C.2 Start-Up

Make sure that the XGA301 is connected to a free serial port on the rear of your computer. These will nearly always be COM1 or COM2 but the software will scan through the ports until it finds the XGA301. The analyzer must be switched on for this to succeed and while you are communicating with it. On start up the software will locate the XGA301 and display the following page.

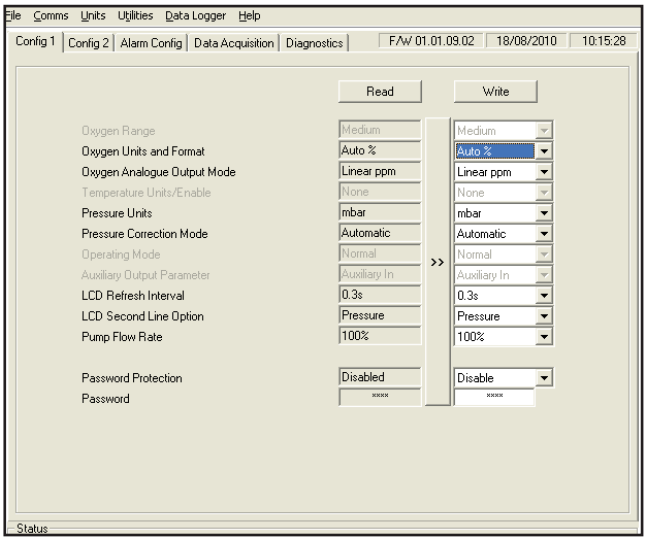



Figure 9 Configuration Screen

**NOTE: The actual values used may differ from those shown above.**

The yellow status box at the bottom will display confirmation that the XGA301 was found and the result of the last action, or any error messages if there is a problem with communication. If you experience problems check that your serial cable (supplied) is correctly fitted to a valid serial port. Also check the status of your COM port settings in Device Manager accessed by clicking START – Settings - Control Panel.

## C.3 On-Screen Help

You can access the on-screen help facility at any time by clicking on the help menu on the menu bar and select the 'Help' option or press F1.

## C.4 Configuration Page

The configuration page is split into three, and you can switch between them by clicking on the tabs labelled "Config 1", "Config 2" or "Alarm Config". Each page allows the user to reprogram an array of variables used by the XGA301. Once written to the XGA301, the new variables remain permanent until overwritten.

To read the current configuration stored in your XGA301 select 'Read Analyzer Configuration' from the 'File' menu, or click the 'Read' button on any of the 'Config' pages. Note that the entries in the boxes on the RHS (under the 'Write' button) will turn red if the value is different to that just read and a red asterisk will appear next to the 'Write' button to warn you that a change has been made. The left-hand set of grey text fields ('read fields') will be updated with the current configuration data. To save this information (e.g., if several people share the same instrument) click the long copy ('>>') button (between the 'Read' and 'Write' columns) on any of the 'Config' pages in order to transfer the data into the edit boxes, select 'Save Configuration as' from the 'File' menu and choose a filename. This data set can be subsequently reloaded at any time by selecting 'Load Configuration File' from the 'File' menu and then selecting the folder where the configuration files have been stored.

If at any time you wish to restore the machine to its factory default settings select 'Default Configuration' from the 'File' menu to load these values. The software will search for a unique '.rxc' file that is loaded onto the PC during the software installation. The filename is 2100***.rxc where *** is the last three digits of the serial number located on the rear of the machine. This file is also located on the CD-ROM that came with the machine. Normally this file is located in "My Documents" directory but if the software cannot locate it then it will ask you for the serial number to help it search. With the correct rxc file loaded into the 'Read' columns, simply click '>>' (copy) to transfer the defaults into the edit boxes and then click any of the three 'Write' button to load them back into the XGA301.

The right-hand set of white editable text fields ('write fields') is used to enter new values to be programmed into the XGA301. The values in these fields can either be entered manually, or copied across from the 'read fields' by clicking the vertical 'Copy' button, and then edited as required, however greyed boxes under the 'Write' buttons are not editable as they contain calibration data; they can only be changed by copying data across from the 'Read' fields. Note that when you click on the copy button all three 'Config' pages are updated at the same time and there is no need to repeat the action when you toggle to the other page. Alternatively, you can load saved configuration data by selecting 'Load Configuration' from the 'File' menu and selecting the required file. In order to programme the analyzer select 'Write configuration to the analyzer' from the 'File' menu, or click the 'Write' button on any 'Config' page.

## C.5 Reconfiguring the Analyzer

The on-screen edit boxes contain variables that can be reprogrammed into the XGA301 in exactly the same manner as using the front panel keypad. For a full description please refer to the relevant section in this manual.

The user can choose whether to use ppm or percent notation to edit the text boxes, where appropriate, by selecting the 'UNITS' menu and clicking on 'Percent' or 'ppm'. To access a field, either click inside it or use the TAB key to scroll through them. The field parameters are as follows:

## C.6 Configuration 1 Screen

1. **Oxygen Range:** Not available for the XGA301.
2. **Oxygen Units & Format**: See Section 2.12 for a full description. Use the drop down box to select PPM EXPONENTIAL, PPM MIXED, AUTO%/PPM, PRESSURE or N2 BALANCE. The default setting is AUTO%/PPM.
3. **Oxygen Analog Output Mode:** See Section 2.11 for a full description. Use the drop down menu to select RAW, LIN(ppm) or LOG(ppm) as the mode of output for the 4-20 mA and 0-10 V signals. The default is LIN(ppm).
4. **Temperature Units/Enable:** Not available for the XGA301.
5. **Pressure Units:** See Section 2.12 for a full description. Use the drop down menu to select MBAR, KPa, TORR, BAR or PSI as the unit for pressure measurement. The default setting is MBAR.
6. **Pressure Correction Mode:** See Section 2.14 for a full description. Use the drop down menu to select NONE, AUTOMATIC or MANUAL. The default setting is NONE.
7. **Operating Mode:** Not available for the XGA301.
8. **Auxiliary Output Parameter:** Not available for the XGA301.
9. **LCD Refresh interval:** Use the drop down menu to select a refresh rate for the LCD (min 0.1, max 1.5 sec). The default is 0.3 seconds.
10. **LCD Second Line Option:** See Section 2.13 for a full description. Use the drop down menu to select PRESSURE or NONE.
11. **Pump Flow Rate:** See Section 2.6 for a full description. Use the drop down menu to select a pump flow value from 10-100% or OFF. The default is 100%.
12. **Password option:** See Section 2.7 for a full description. The password is factory disabled and set to 0000. Use the drop down menu to enable or disable the password feature and the password box **** can be used to enter a new password. Note that you will be prompted to enter the original password to make changes to the password or its status.

### C.6.1 Configuration 2 Screen

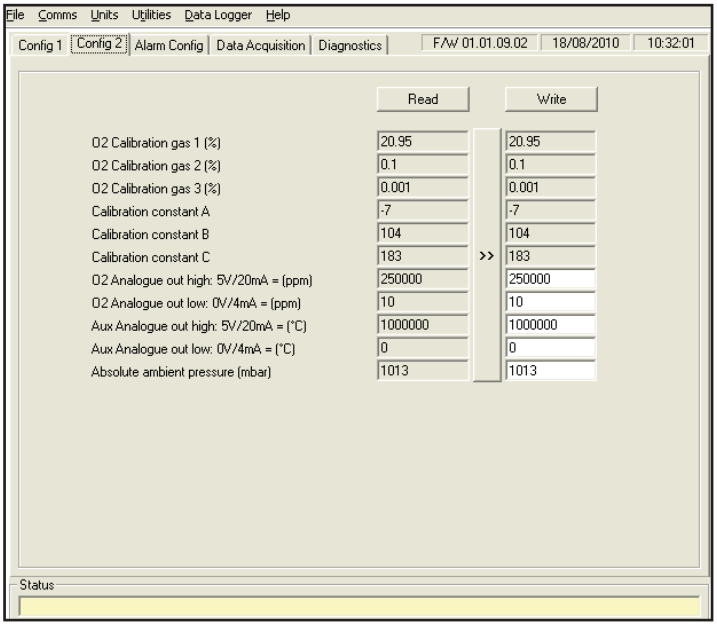

File Comms Units Utilities Data Logger Help
Config 1 Config 2 Alarm Config Data Acquisition Diagnostics
F/W 01.01.09.02 18/08/2010 10:32:01
Read
Write
O2 Calibration gas 1 (%) 20.95 20.95
O2 Calibration gas 2 (%) 0.1 0.1
O2 Calibration gas 3 (%) 0.001 0.001
Calibration constant A -7 -7
Calibration constant B 104 104
Calibration constant C 183 183
O2 Analogue out high: 5V/20mA = (ppm) 250000 250000
O2 Analogue out low: 0V/4mA = (ppm) 10 10
Aux Analogue out high: 5V/20mA = (°C) 1000000 1000000
Aux Analogue out low: 0V/4mA = (°C) 0 0
Absolute ambient pressure (mbar) 1013 1013
>>
Status

Figure 10 *Configuration 2 Screen*

**NOTE: The actual values used may differ from those shown above.**

1. **Calibration Gas 1, 2 & 3:** These boxes are greyed out in this version and the data is for information purposes only. If you want to change the current calibration gas then follow the procedure given in Section 3.

2. **Calibration Constant A B & C:** These boxes contain the calibration constants that the XGA301 calculates automatically when you perform a calibration. You will see that they change each time you perform a new calibration. Generally the air value should be approximately -10 mV and a low ppm value (e.g. 10 ppm) would be approximately 180 mV.

3. **$O_2$ Analog Output (0 V/4 mA & 10 V/20 mA):** Use these two boxes to set the High and Low oxygen values for the analog outputs (6) on the rear panel. For example if you want 4 mA to represent 1% and 20 mA to represent 21% then enter these two values into the appropriate boxes. The value can be entered either in % or ppm depending on the units selected. The default is %. The default values are 25% for the high setting and 0.001% for the low setting.

4. **Auxiliary Analog Output (0 V/4 mA & 10 V/20 mA):** Use these two boxes to set the High and Low auxiliary (e.g. pressure sensor) values for the analog outputs (6) on the rear panel. For example if you want 0 V/4 mA to represent 0 mbar and 10 V/20 mA to represent 100 mbar then enter these two values into the appropriate boxes. The units are fixed in mbar.

5. **Absolute Ambient Pressure:** Use this box if you want to enter the current ambient pressure (in mbar). This value is used in the automatic pressure correction function only and provides enhanced accuracy in the correction. The default is 1013 mbar which is the average ambient pressure in the UK.

### C.6.2 Alarm Configuration Screen

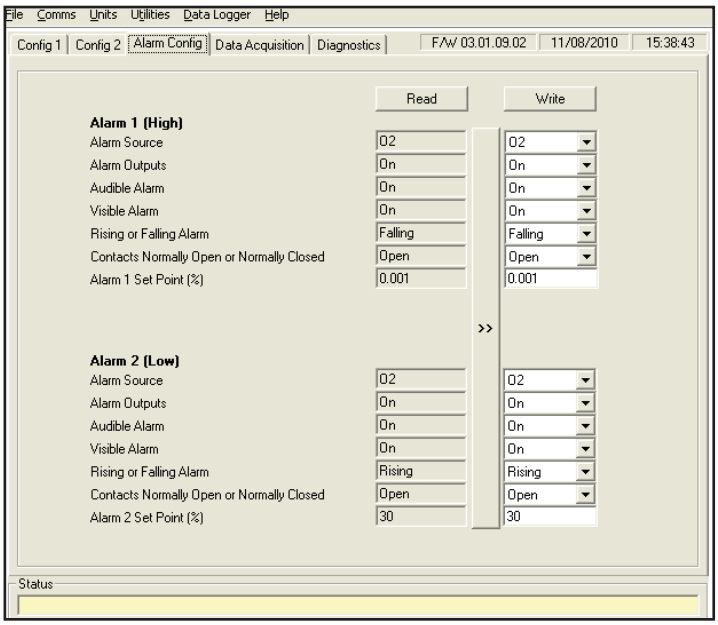

File Comms Units Utilities Data Logger Help
Config 1 Config 2 Alarm Config Data Acquisition Diagnostics
F/W 03.01.09.02 11/08/2010 15:38:43
Read
Write
Alarm 1 (High)
Alarm Source 02 02
Alarm Outputs On On
Audible Alarm On On
Visible Alarm On On
Rising or Falling Alarm Falling Falling
Contacts Normally Open or Normally Closed Open Open
Alarm 1 Set Point (%) 0.001 0.001
>>
Alarm 2 (Low)
Alarm Source 02 02
Alarm Outputs On On
Audible Alarm On On
Visible Alarm On On
Rising or Falling Alarm Rising Rising
Contacts Normally Open or Normally Closed Open Open
Alarm 2 Set Point (%) 30 30
Status

Figure 11 *Alarm Configuration Screen*

**NOTE: The actual values used may differ from those shown above.**

1. **Alarm Source:** Use the drop down box to assign a detector to the alarm. If you want the alarm to be based on oxygen readings select oxygen from the drop down list. The choices are: oxygen, pressure or temperature.

2. **Alarm Outputs:** This option enables or disables the alarms on the rear panel (labelled Alarm High +/- and Alarm Low +/-). Make sure these are enabled if you wish to use the signals from the alarm circuit.

3. **Audible Alarm:** This option enables or disables the audible buzzer fitted to the XGA301 internally. When an alarm condition occurs the buzzer will emit a continuous noise to alert the operator.

4. **Visible Alarm:** This option enables or disables the visual warning on the front LCD. When enabled and an alarm condition occurs the message **AL1** or **AL2** will flash in the lower right hand corner.

5. **Rising or falling Alarm:** This option allows the alarm to be set as a rising or falling type. If the alarm is rising then the reading must rise above the set-point for the alarm to be activated. If the alarm is falling then the reading must fall below the set-point for the alarm to activate.

6. **Contacts N/O or N/C:** This option allows the user to programme how the relay contacts are set on the rear panel. Normally Open means that the contacts are open circuit when an alarm is not activated and Normally Closed means that the contacts are closed when the alarm is not activated.

7. **Alarm Setpoints:** Use this box to programme the set-point value at which you want the alarm to activate. The units are in %, ppm or mbar depending on which sensor as been assigned to the alarm.

Once you have finished editing the parameters, select 'Write Configuration to Analyzer' from the file menu and the new data set will be written to the XGA301. The XGA301 is reprogrammed using the new configuration. The software then reads the new settings back from the XGA301 and displays them in the boxes on the left-hand side confirming that the configuration was successful. When you have finished programming the analyzer for new calibration gases the instrument must be re-calibrated to benefit from the changes.

## C.7 On-Screen LCD

It is possible to display an LCD emulator on the desktop of your PC. This reproduces exactly the display on the XGA301 unit and is convenient if you are some distance away from the machine. To activate the LCD select the UTILITIES menu and select the LCD on option. This will display a small window showing the LCD that can be positioned independently anywhere on the desktop.

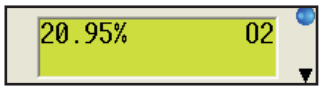



Figure 12 *On-Screen LCD*

The blue LED indicator will flash to show that the display is updating.

## C.8 Remote Calibrating and Cleaning

With the on-screen LCD display active it is possible to remotely calibrate the analyzer and clean the sensor. Click on the down arrow icon in the bottom right-hand corner of the LCD display to expand the window:

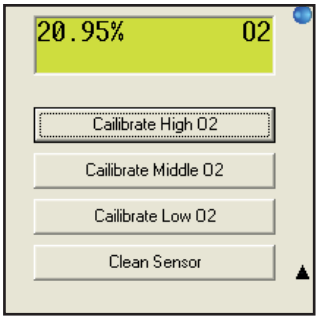



Figure 13 *Remote Calibration and Clean Function*

Use the four buttons to calibrate or clean the sensor directly from the PC. Before calibrating the analyzer with gas, make sure that you know the exact $O_2$ concentration in your gas bottle AND you have a calibration certificate from the gas supplier confirming the concentration. You can calibrate the analyzer in any order but remember that the gas value for **O2 HIGH** must be greater than the gas value for **O2 MIDDLE**, which must be greater than the gas value for **O2 LOW**. Allow sufficient time for the calibration gas to pass over the sensor and let the reading on the LCD stabilize. This is extremely important to perform a successful and accurate calibration.

The software uses the three calibration gas values already stored in the XGA301 as a starting point. These are typically High = 20.95%, Middle = 0.1% and Low = 0.001% as set in the factory but may be different if the user has recalibrated with other gas values in the past. Either way you are given an option to change the cal gas value before proceeding to the actual calibration.

Assuming you are using fresh air (20.95%) to calibrate **O2 HIGH** then simply click on the button labelled "Calibrate High $O_2$" to see the following:

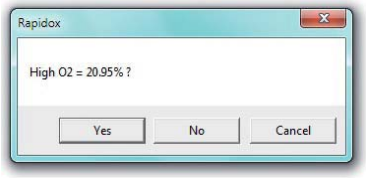



Figure 14 *Calibration Gas Confirmation Screen*

If the current stored value is correct and matches your cal gas value then simply click "Yes" to proceed. If you are using a different value to the one you see on the screen then click "No" to change it as shown below:

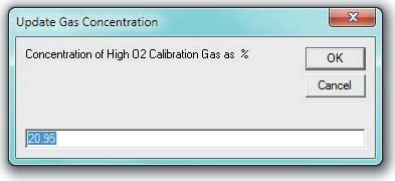



Figure 15 *Calibration Gas Update Screen*

Enter your new value in the units as instructed and click "OK" to proceed. This value will then be stored until you want to change it again. You will now see the following screen:

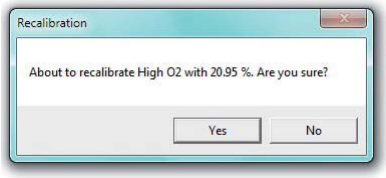


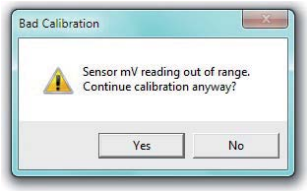

Figure 16 *Calibration Confirmation Screen*

This is your final chance to change your mind before committing to a calibration. Check carefully that the gas value on the screen actually matches the value of your calibration gas before clicking on "Yes" to complete the calibration. At this point you should observe that the LCD display will reset itself to the correct calibration. You can now proceed with the rest of the calibration process by selecting the Middle and Low gases in the same manner.

## C.9 Calibration Error Messages

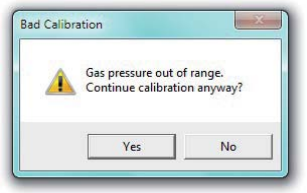
During the calibration process described in Section 3 it is possible to receive screen error messages as described here.

1. **Bad Sensor Reading:** The XGA301 software makes a prediction of the expected sensor mV for each calibration gas value entered. If the mV signal coming from the sensor is out of the expected range the following message is displayed:




This normally indicates one of two things: that you are using the wrong cal gas value compared with the actual gas flowing over the sensor OR the sensor is getting old and can no longer output the expected signal required for a healthy calibration.

2. **Bad Pressure Reading:** The XGA301 software checks to see what the gas pressure is before allowing the calibration to continue. If the pressure is outside the range -25 mbar to +25 mbar (gauge) then the following message is displayed:




This normally indicates that you are allowing gas from a cylinder set at too high pressure to enter the analyzer. Try displaying the pressure reading on the second line of the LCD and adjusting the gas regulator to trim it close to 0 mbar. If you are using a standard gas regulator then try switching off the sample pump on the rear of the analyzer OR better still use a demand flow regulator and allow the gas to enter the analyzer from the draw of the pump.

**NOTE: The above are only advisories and you can proceed with the calibration if you believe everything is checked and correct.**

## C.10 Software Utilities

The utilities menu is located on the main file menu as shown below:

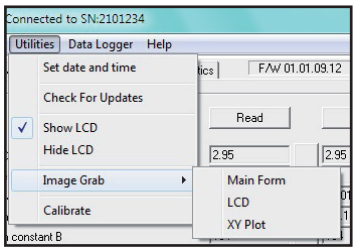



Figure 17 *Software Utilities Menu Screen*

### C.10.1 Setting Analyzer Date and Time

The current date and time of your PC are displayed on the configuration screen and can be loaded into the XGA301 by selecting the Utilities menu and clicking the 'Set date and time' option. This information is used in the RS232 data string for data logging purposes. Make sure that your PC clock is set correctly before using this function, as you cannot edit the date and time shown by the XGA301 software. The date and time formats displayed are those set in the PC's Regional Settings.

### C.10.2 Check for Updates

This function will check online and advise you if any software updates are available for your machine. This function is not automatic. To update the software you need to visit www.michell.com and select the support page where a list of downloads are provided.

### C.10.3 Image Grabber

This is a simple function to allow the user to copy the software screens into the Windows clipboard. This is useful for diagnosing problems; allowing a quick and simple way of sending the Michell Instruments' technicians actual screen shots of the software. To recover the images simply press CTL+V to paste.

# Appendix D

# Data Logging Software

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## D.1 Introduction

The XGA301 software includes a full data logging facility. Data can be saved to a file automatically at regular intervals and the format is compatible with modern spreadsheet programmes such as MS-Excel. A live-time graphing facility is also included which has many powerful features. Note that the data logging facility will only function if the analyzer is in NORMAL run mode.

## D.2 Setting up the Data Logger

Click on the tab labelled 'Data Acquisition' to display the following page:

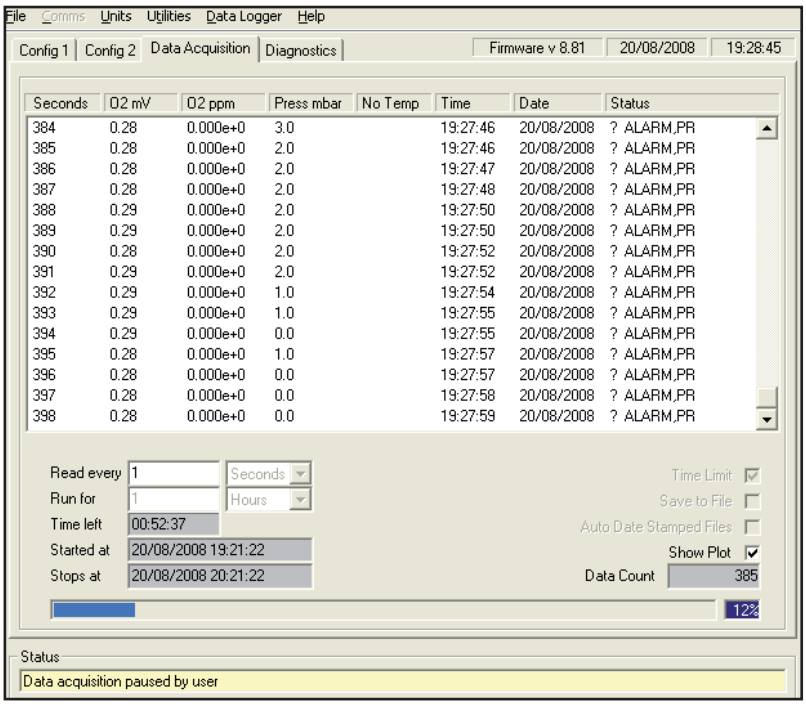


Figure 18 *Data Logging Page*

During logging, data from the analyzer is shown in the central area of this page. The data is displayed in the following columns: time (in seconds), the raw signal from the sensor (in mV), the oxygen value (in ppm scientific notation), pressure in the units of choice, the time (in regional format), the date (in regional format), and alarm status (displays either ALM1, ALM2 or ALM1&2 if activated).

To start data logging select the frequency of measurement by entering a time and selecting a unit from the drop down list. For example if you wish to log data once every minute type 1 in the box and select 'Mins' from the drop down menu.

The NOTES window can be opened at any time by selecting NOTES from the 'Data Logger' drop down menu. A small text box appears in which you can type a text message. This note is then saved as a header in the data file set and can be viewed along with the data.

Choose to have data logged continuously until 'Stop' is selected from the Data Logger menu, or choose to set a time limit for data logging by checking the box labelled 'Time Limit', setting the duration in the 'Run For' box and selecting units with the drop down list. For example if you wish to log data for thirty minutes type '30' in the box and select 'Mins' from the drop down list.

## D.3 Running the Data Logger

If you wish to save the data into a file for later use, check the 'Save to File' box before selecting 'Run' from the Data Logger menu. You will be prompted for a file name and location before data logging commences. The file and path information will appear in the box at the top of the page labelled 'Data File Name'. If you forget to select file saving before starting a run, you will nevertheless be prompted at the end as to whether you wish to save the run data.

The blue progress bar displays the state of completion of the run, and the blue box to the right of it the same information as a percentage. You can stop the run at any time by selecting 'Stop' from the Data Logger menu. The yellow Status bar at the bottom of the page gives information about the data logging operation.

Once data logging is complete you may open the text format data file using any compatible spreadsheet programme such as MS Excel, and use the data to generate plots and reports.

You can pause the data logger at any time by selecting 'data logger' and 'pause'. Repeat to continue logging from where you left off, noting that the clock keeps ticking during the pause period.

## D.4 Auto Date Stamped Files

If you are planning to run the data logger for extended periods of time then you should consider checking the 'Auto date stamped file' option. This feature will save the data at midnight for the previous twenty four hours and so on until the data-logging is complete OR the user interrupts. The data file is stored with a date suffix in brackets in yy-mm-dd format.

This feature ensures that data is saved periodically in sensible sized files. This will prevent the computer from crashing and will also ensure that the data is small enough to fit into an Excel spreadsheet

As an example, the user wishes to run the data-logger for seven days recording every minute starting at lunchtime on 12th November 2005. He starts the data logger with the auto-date stamp function enabled. When prompted he gives the filename as test1. In this situation the data logger will run from lunchtime to midnight and then save the first file as test1 (2005-11-12). The data logger then clears and continues for another twenty four hours until midnight the following day. The data is then stored as test1 (2005-11-13). This will continue for seven days when the data-logger will finish.

After this the user will have a sequence of files:

test1 (2005-11-12).txt
test1 (2005-11-13).txt
test1 (2005-11-14).txt and so on

Combined together they represent all the data over the last seven days. Note that the XGA301 uses the computer clock and date to perform this action, so make sure that they are correct before starting a run.

To view the data in its entirety the user would need to load each file in turn back into Excel to combine.

## D.5 Live Time Graphing Screen

The XGA301 data-logging package includes a live-time graphing facility that allows you to monitor the progress of your data in a graphical format (see below). To access the graph check the box labelled 'Show Graph'. The graph will appear in a new window, and can be accessed at any time without disturbing a run that is already in progress. You can select 'Run' and 'Stop' from the Data Logger menu to begin and end data logging, and the window can be minimized to (and restored from) the task bar while logging data.

To close the window and return to the main data-logging page select 'Close Plot' from the File menu or click on the close window button.

The features of the graph window are described below:

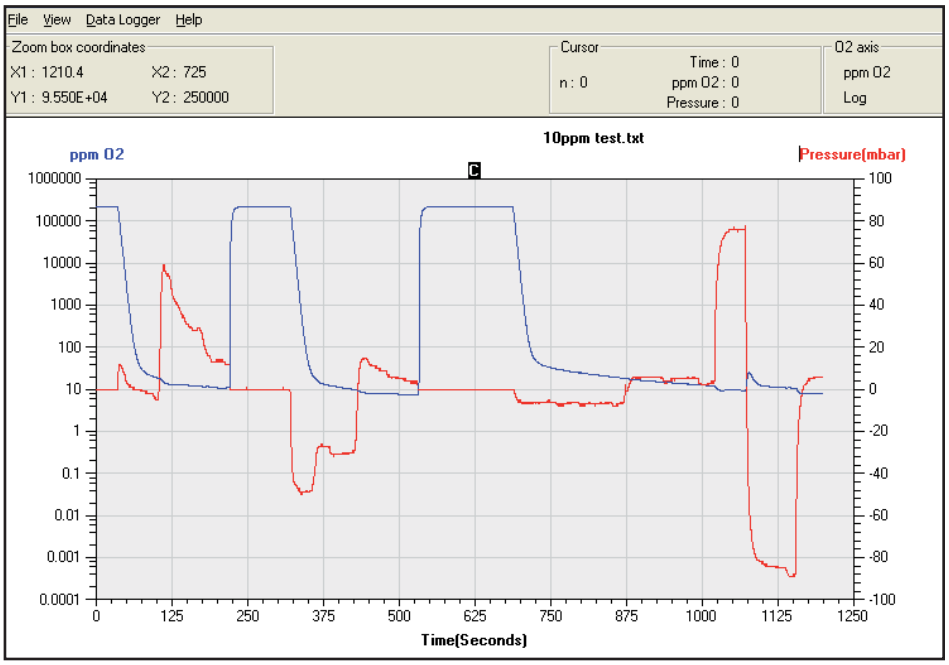


Figure 19 *Live Time Graphing Screen*

## D.6 Main Graph Window

The graph is an XY plot, with time plotted on the X-axis, oxygen plotted on the primary Y-axis (Y1) and pressure plotted on the secondary Y axis (Y2). The X-axis and the two Y-axes auto-scale during data logging so that all data points are shown on the graph.

## D.7 Plot Colors

The default colors used on the graph are set to blue for oxygen and red for pressure. To change the colors double-click on the colored axis label at the top of each axis. A color palette window will appear (see Figure 20) and a new color can either be chosen from a color box, or for more variety, by clicking the 'Define Custom Colors >>' button. Click on 'OK' to select the new color or 'Cancel' to return to the graph without change.

Figure 20 *Plot Color Palette Menu*

## D.8 Graph Titles and Labels

If you want to change the text of the graph axis labels, place the mouse pointer over the text and do a single left click to enter edit mode. The text can then be modified. Similarly, to change the title of the graph, place the mouse pointer over the title and click once to edit. If you choose not to enter a title the graph will display the path and filename of the run as the new title once the run has finished. Note that these changes are only temporary and will be overwritten by the defaults if a new run is started or the graph window is closed and reopened. They are provided so that the plot may be printed with alternative labels.

## D.9 Plot Co-ordinates

The box labelled 'Plot co-ordinates' to the upper left of the graph window displays the actual plot co-ordinate value at the mouse pointer. This can be used to get a quick oxygen value from the graph. Simply place the mouse pointer at a place of interest and read the corresponding X1 and Y1 values in the box.

## D.10 Last data point

During data acquisition, the box labelled 'Last data point' will appear at the upper middle of the graph window. It displays the last data values read from the analyzer.

## D.11 Using the Cursor

Clicking and holding the left mouse button with the pointer over the 'C' at the top of the plot area activates the cursor, which appears as a vertical dashed line on the plot. While keeping the mouse button pressed, you can now move the pointer anywhere in the plot area or on the 'C' in order to move the cursor. The box labelled 'Cursor' to the upper right of the graph window will display actual values for oxygen, temperature, time and the data point number (n) at or immediately to the left of the cursor position. The cursor can be used to investigate actual data values at specific points of interest on the graph.

## D.12 Zooming

You can zoom in to any part of the oxygen plot by simply placing the mouse pointer on the new graph start position and then clicking and dragging a new box to re-size the graph. The label on the box to the upper left of the graph window will change to 'Zoom box co-ordinates', and an extra set of co-ordinates, labelled X2 and Y2, will appear, showing the co-ordinates in X and Y units of the second corner of the zoom rectangle as you drag the mouse pointer. The plot will zoom and auto-scale when you release the mouse button. This can be repeated if you wish to zoom in even further. To zoom back to the original size select 'Zoom Full' from the View menu.

**NOTE: Although you can use the zoom facility during a live run, the graph will auto-scale to full size with each new data point.**

## D.13 Y-Axis Graph Units

You can toggle the Y1 oxygen units at any time from percent to ppm and vice versa. Select '$O_2$ Units' from the View menu and chose either percent or ppm. The current selection is then displayed in the top right box labelled '$O_2$ Axis'.

## D.14 Oxygen Scale

You can display the Y1 oxygen axis in linear or logarithmic format at any time by selecting '$O_2$ Scale' from the view menu. The current selection is then displayed in the top right box labelled '$O_2$ Axis'. Note that the zoom function is disabled when you are viewing on a log scale.

## D.15 Second Y Axis

The secondary Y axis located on the right hand side of the graph can be used to display the pressure taken from the internal pressure sensor. The axis is linear and auto-scaling. To select the mode of the secondary axis select 'view' and then 'second axis display'. Choose from 'none' or 'pressure'.

## D.16 Loading an Old Run

A previously logged data file can be loaded and viewed by selecting 'Open Data File' from the File menu and selecting the appropriate TXT or CSV file. A progress bar is displayed while the data is being imported. Note that very large data files may take several seconds to load. The data is re-graphed and you can zoom, label axes, change colors etc., before printing the graph.

## D.17 Printing Graphs

You can print the graph at any time by selecting 'Print Plot' from the File menu. This will bring up the printer dialogue box for your specific printer where you can chose various printing options. Make sure that the printer page is set to landscape to obtain a full size print out.

## D.18 Data Logging in the Background

It is possible to begin data logging and then minimize the windows to continue working with another application. To minimize the graph simply click on the minimize button on the blue title bar at the top of the window. You can then use the ALT + TAB keys to take you to other programmes already running. To return to the graph simply maximise from the start menu bar or press ALT + TAB again. If the graph does not redraw immediately select 'Zoom Full' from the View menu to redraw.

## D.19 Pausing the Data Logging

You can pause the data-logging at any time during the run by selecting the 'data logger' menu and selecting 'pause'. Repeat the action to continue, noting that the live graph will draw a straight line between the paused points to keep continuity of the axes. The clock keeps ticking during the pause period.

If you decide to access the menu of the XGA301 using the front keypad during data logging, then the software will pause automatically. A message appears on the screen informing the user that the unit is being accessed from the keypad. Once the menu has been exited, the software will continue data logging from where it left off.

## D.20 Changing the Data Logging Parameters Mid-Run

Once the data logging has begun you may change the sample interval time by pausing the data logger and then entering a new value for the time interval. The data logger can then be resumed with the new values in place. **NOTE: Units (e.g. seconds to hours) cannot be changed once logging has started**. If you originally selected seconds then you may change the current value to a new value between 1 and 3600 seconds, if you originally selected minutes then you may change between 0.02 and 360 and if you selected hours you may change between 0.01 and 6 hours.

**NOTE: It is not possible to modify the original total length of time that the data logging will run for once a run has commenced.**

## D.21 Working with Spreadsheets

The data-logger saves data files in a standard comma separated ASCII text format which can be readily imported into spreadsheet programmes such as MS Excel, in order to produce plots and reports as desired. For specific information on how to import text files into your spreadsheet programme please refer to the help guide supplied with the programme.

Data is saved in comma separated value format, with a '.txt' file extension as the initial programme default. However, when entering the file name, you can instead select a '.csv' extension: the programme will register the last used file extension as the new default. The '.csv' extension is recognised by MS Excel, so that opening the file will automatically run MS Excel, and this may be of benefit if your regional decimal separator is period '.' rather than comma ','. However, if your decimal separator is comma, you should continue to use the '.txt' extension and open the file explicitly from within your spreadsheet programme, defining the field delimiter as 'comma' where appropriate.

## D.22 Disaster Recovery

To prevent catastrophic loss of important data during a computer crash or power failure, the data is automatically saved point by point in a temporary file called 'XGA301 temporary data file 2100xxx.txt', where 2100xxx is the serial number of your XGA301. This file is located in the same directory as the main XGA301 programme itself and can be renamed or copied to recover data that would otherwise be lost. Note that this file is overwritten each time 'Run' is selected from the 'Data Logger' menu so make sure all data is recovered successfully before starting another run.

**NOTE: During a run using the 'auto date stamped' feature, the temporary data file is wiped clean as soon as the previous data set has been saved successfully. In the case of a crash the temporary data file should be used to recover the last day's worth of data that was not saved to the hard disc.**

## D.23 Diagnostics

The XGA301 software includes a diagnostics page that is accessed from the tab labelled 'Diagnostics'. This screen will display various values and settings that are operating inside your machine. There is no editing possible on this page – it is purely for information and to enable technical support help you should you experience difficulties with your machine. You may be asked to record values from this page if troubleshooting is required.

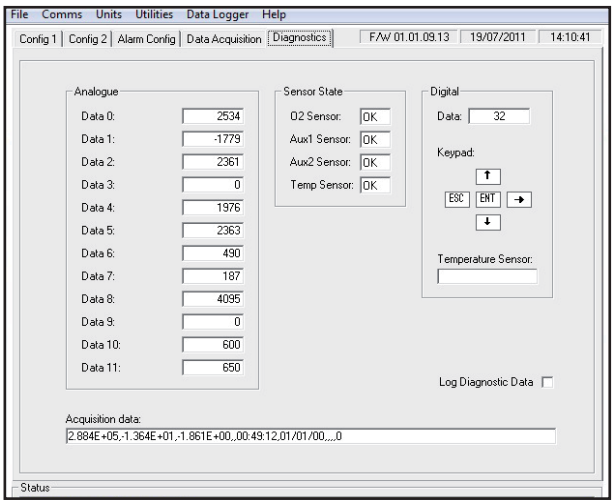


Figure 21 *Diagnostics Screen*

1. **Analog:** The live analog values displayed in this pane are voltage measurements coming directly from the computer chip inside the analyzer. They are for information purposes only but are a useful diagnostics tool for Michell Instruments' staff, as unusual values can indicate a particular fault. To help diagnose a fault please capture this window as shown above using the screen capture function and e-mail it to info@michell.com.

2. **Sensor State:** These boxes should all indicate "OK" on a healthy analyzer. Note that the XGA301 does not have a temperature sensor fitted so all references to temperature on this screen are not relevant. The possible messages are "OK" "High" "Low" or "Fault". The High and Low messages indicate that the sensor is out of normal range. The fault message will only display if the sensor is disconnected or has failed in some way.

3. **Digital:** The digital signals coming directly from the computer chip inside the analyzer can be monitored here. To test the keypad is working correctly try pushing the buttons and watching the panel. A correctly functioning key will turn the box red on the screen and the digital value for that particular key will show in the data box. If the analyzer has an external thermocouple correctly fitted (2100 and 3100 series only) then this will display a signal in the "Temperature Sensor" box.

4. **Log Diagnostic Data:** If you check this box then the software will automatically start to save a diagnostic file in the "My Documents" directory called "XGA301 diagnostics data XXXX.txt (where XXXX is the serial number of your machine).

Note the following:

- Diagnostic data is logged every 6 seconds, or every second if your software has the "Enable fast log" check box.
- Logging diagnostic data is controlled entirely by the "Log diagnostic data" check box - logging starts as soon as it is checked, and stops when it's unchecked.
- If you switch to a different tab diagnostic data logging will be suspended, so the general rule when logging diagnostic data is check the "Log diagnostic data" check box and then leave the software alone until you want to stop logging.
- There is no file name option, so rename the last diagnostic data file before logging new diagnostic data.
- Diagnostic data contains raw data from the analyzer as well as either status messages (such as "Sensor heating") or acquisition data as you would get from the normal data acquisition file. However, unlike normal data acquisition, it isn't suspended if the heater loses control. Diagnostic data saving will only be suspended if there's a comms glitch between the PC and the XGA301, or if you try to interact with the XGA301 via software. The file is created at the start of the run, and as with the temporary data file, each data line is appended, so you can look at the file at any time. You can therefore have a look at the file at any time (for example by opening it in Notepad or by copying and saving it with a .CSV extension for Excel) and see whether there are any anomalies.
- E-mail the file to info@michell.com so we can help diagnose the problem.

# Appendix E

# Troubleshooting

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**Q:** The XGA301 says 'sensor heating' but won't begin measuring.

**A:** What kind of gas are you running over the sensor? Does it contain hydrogen or helium? If so then the heater may be struggling to heat the sensor with such cooling gas present. Does the problem go away if room air is allowed into the analyzer? Contact Michell Instruments for advice. If the message continues for around eight minutes then the analyzer will give up and indicate that the internal heater has failed and the sensor needs replacing.

**Q:** The XGA301 will not power up at all.

**A:** There are fuses located on the power socket on both live and neutral lines. These are standard 20mm 2A SLOW BLOW fuses available from a supplier such as RS Components.

**Q:** The XGA301 gives strange readings that are way off the expected values.

**A:** Check to make sure which calibration gases are selected. Are they the same as the actual gases you used to perform the calibration? If not you must recalibrate the analyzer or re-load the factory defaults to get you going again.

**Q:** The sensor does not read 20.9 - 21.0% in air (actual value is 20.95%).

**A:** If the room air is very humid, it will slightly affect the observed measurement or the sensor may have drifted slightly because of natural ageing. If you are using air as a calibration point then simply do a quick re-calibration in the air to compensate for this.

**Q:** I messed up the calibration procedure and the analyzer is not working properly.

**A:** Return the box to the factory defaults using the keypad or communications software, by selecting 'Default Configuration' followed by 'Write Configuration to Analyzer' from the File menu. Now try re-calibrating the XGA301.

**Q:** The software will not talk to the XGA301.

**A:** Make sure that you are using the correct cable, as supplied (pin 2 to pin 2 etc). A crossed RS232 cable (pin 2 to pin 3 etc.,) will not work. Make sure that your COM ports are recognised by your computer. Check in your Windows device manager to see if there are any conflicts. If you are using a USB-Serial port adapter which does not have an FTDI chipset then you may encounter difficulties. Contact us for advice!

**Q:** I selected 'Write to the Analyzer' and now the XGA301 is way off calibration.

**A:** Only select 'Write to the Analyzer' once all the values are correctly entered in the boxes on the right. The best procedure is to 'Read Analyzer Configuration' and then press 'Copy' so the values in the boxes are the same as those stored in the XGA301 memory. You can then edit these values and then select 'Write to the Analyzer' when finished.

**Q:** How do I get back to the factory calibration for my instrument.

**A:** Select 'Load Configuration File' from the File menu and look for the rxc file on your CD. Select this file and then select 'Write to the Analyzer'. This will load the factory calibration back into the XGA301. Alternatively you can load a standard default configuration any time using the 'Load Default' option on the File menu. This configuration will not be perfect for your analyzer but will be good enough to get you started again.

**Q:** The $H_2O$ sensor takes a long time to respond .

**A:** If the analyzer and sensor has been left exposed to air, which is normally quite humid, then it can take a long time for the dew-point tile to dry out once measurements commence. Try flushing the analyzer with dry nitrogen and when the unit is switched off please remove the inlet tube. This will trap the dry gas in the dew-point compartment.

## 5.1 Load Defaults (Zirconia Sensor only)

If a mistake is made while programming the XGA301 it is possible to restore the machine back to its factory settings by loading the unique default configuration that is supplied on the software CD-ROM. The default set-up can only be accessed using the software provided. See Appendix C for further details.

Alternatively, reset to generic factory defaults directly from the front panel keypad. Press the **ENT** key to enter the user setup menu and select menu option (10) **Load Defaults** and press the **ENT** key to proceed. The next screen will say **Load Defaults ?** with the prompt to press and hold the **ENT** key for 2 seconds to confirm. To complete this - press the **ENT** key until the bar graph has completed and the screen says **Defaults Loaded**. This will give all the basic settings that are factory set. Re-calibrate the sensor and check all the settings are suitable.

# Appendix F

# Quality, Recycling & Warranty Information

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## F.1 Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) 97/23/EC

The above Directive has been implemented in United Kingdom Law by the Pressure Equipment Regulations 1999.

The Regulations require that all pressure equipment and assemblies within the scope of the Pressure Equipment Directive must be safe when placed on the market or put into service.

Michell Instruments' products have been assessed and, as referenced against the Classification Charts detailed in Annex II of the Directive, do not fall into the requirements for CE marking compliance with the Pressure Equipment Directive.

Article 3, paragraph 3 states that any product containing a pressurized fluid that does not qualify for compliance should, nevertheless, be constructed with Sound Engineering Practice (SEP).

Michell Instruments attests here that its products have been designed, manufactured & tested to assure safe operation, and in accordance with Sound Engineering Practices.

## F.2 Recycling Policy

Michell Instruments is concerned with the protection of the environment. It is our commitment to reduce and eliminate from our operations, wherever possible, the use of substances which may be harmful to the environment. Similarly, we are increasingly using recyclable and/or recycled material in our business and products wherever it is practical to do so.

To protect natural resources and to promote material reuse, please separate batteries from other types of waste and recycle responsibly. If batteries are not properly disposed of, these substances can cause harm to human health and the environment

The product that you have purchased may contain recyclable and/or recycled parts and we will be happy to provide you with information on these components if required. For further information please see the following sections.

## F.3 WEEE Compliance

**Directive 2012/19/EU 4 July 2012 on Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE)**

The Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) Directive places rules upon European manufacturers of electrical and electronic equipment. The directives' aim is to reduce the impact that electronic devices have on the environment.

Michell Instruments is in full compliance with the WEEE Directive and is registered with an approved recycler (Registration No. WEE/JB0235YW) and treats the requirement of the directive and the protection of the environment with the utmost importance. All Michell Instruments' products are appropriately marked indicating their requirement for recycling.

It may be required to return certain instruments for treatment at the end of their working life.

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## F.4 RoHS2 Compliance

**Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011**

The Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive places rules upon European manufacturers of electrical and electronic equipment. The directives' aim is to reduce the impact that electronic devices have on the environment.

According to the EC Directive 2002/95/EC, Michell Instruments' products qualify as Category 9, Control and Monitoring Equipment. Under the 2002/95/EC Directive, Category 9 products are exempt from compliance with the Directive.

However, the careful design of all Michell Instruments' products takes into consideration the requirements of the Directive and, wherever possible, compliance is achieved. All future products will be developed entirely using compliant materials. Furthermore, Michell Instruments is taking active steps to remove non-compliant materials and components from existing products wherever these may occur. Presently, none of the non-compliant materials are known to occur in Michell Instruments' products.

The new Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS2) entered into force on 21 July 2011 and required all Member States to transpose the provisions into their respective national laws by 2 January 2013.

Under the provisions of the RoHS2 EU Directive 2011/65/EU (Article 3, [24]) defines 'Control and Monitoring Equipment' specifically as 'monitoring and control instruments designed exclusively for industrial or professional use'.

RoHS2 EU Directive 2011/65/EU states the closing date for compliance of any Control and Monitoring Equipment product sold into the EU market place as 22nd July 2017.

However, the careful design policy of all Michell Instruments' products continues to attain compliance in the shortest practical timescales and strives to ensure that less than 0.1% of total mass per product, of all non-compliant materials, appear within them. Michell Instruments continues to monitor suppliers and material sources to ensure that compliance of goods provided is maintained.

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## F.5 Warranty

Unless otherwise agreed, the Supplier warrants that, as from the date of delivery for a period of 12 months, the goods and all their component parts, where applicable, are free from any defects in design, workmanship, construction or materials.

The Supplier warrants that the services undertaken shall be performed using reasonable skill and care, and be of a quality conforming to generally accepted industry standards and practices.

Except as expressly stated, all warranties whether express or implied, by operation of law or otherwise, are hereby excluded in relation to the goods and services to be provided by the Supplier.

All warranty services are provided on a return to base basis. Any transportation costs for the return of a warranty claim shall reside with the Customer.

## F.6 REACH Compliance

Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006
Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)

Michell Instruments is a manufacturer of moisture measurement and gas analysis instrumentation and is a 'downstream' user of chemicals, as described by the EU Council Directive 76/769/EEC. The products we supply are not raw chemical products (goods).

Under normal and reasonably foreseeable circumstances of application, the goods supplied to you shall not contain or release any prohibited chemicals. No listed SVHC (Substances of Very High Concern) appear within products manufactured by Michell Instruments. Therefore the 0.1% mass per product, or total usage of 1 tonne/year, will never be exceeded. For these reasons we are neither required by obligation for registration nor for the creation of material safety data sheets (MSDS) for our products.

Our continued review of the SVHC Candidate List and latest additions is to ensure we remain compliant.

Michell Instruments maintains a hazardous material register in which MSDS data sheets are collated, and we will check that our suppliers will comply to REACH requirements for all materials and substances we use in the processes of our manufacturing.

In the unlikely event that any chemicals of concern appear in our products in quantities greater than 0.1% of total mass per product we will immediately inform you by correspondence according to the REACH Article 33 requirements. Our current appraisal is, however, that we do not expect or foresee such an incidence.

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## F.7 Calibration Facilities

Michell Instruments' calibration facilities are among the most sophisticated in the world and have been recognized for their excellence.

Traceability to the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) UK is achieved through our UKAS Accreditation (Number 0179). This covers dew point over the range -90 to +90°C (-130 to +194°F) and also Relative Humidity.

Dew-point calibrations are also traceable to the National Institute for Standards & Technology (NIST) USA over the range -75 to +20°C (-103 to +68°F).

**NOTE: Standard traceable calibration certificates for instruments and sensors are not issued under our UKAS accreditation.**

## F.8 Return Policy

If a Michell Instruments' product malfunctions within the warranty period, the following procedure must be completed:

1. Notify a Michell Instruments' distributor, giving full details of the problem, the model variant and the serial number of the product.
2. If the nature of the problem indicates the need for factory service then the instrument should be returned to Michell Instruments, carriage prepaid, preferably in the original packaging, with a full description of the fault and the customer contact information.
3. Upon receipt, Michell Instruments will evaluate the product to determine the cause of the malfunction. Then, one of the following courses of action will be taken:
   - If the fault is covered under the terms of the warranty, the instrument will be repaired at no cost to the owner and returned.
   - If Michell Instruments determines that the fault is not covered under the terms of the warranty, or if the warranty has expired, an estimate for the cost of the repairs, at standard rates, will be provided. Upon receipt of the owner's approval to proceed, the product will be repaired and returned.

## F.9 Manufacturing Quality

Michell Instruments is registered with the British Standards Institute for Quality Assurance to:

BS EN ISO 9001: 2008

Rigorous procedures are performed at every stage of production to ensure that the materials of construction, manufacturing, calibration and final test procedures meet the requirements laid down by our BSI approved Quality System.

Please contact Michell Instruments (www.michell.com) if the product does not arrive in perfect working order.

# Appendix G

# Return Document & Decontamination Declaration

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## Decontamination Certificate

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Please complete this form prior to this instrument, or any components, leaving your site and being returned to us, or, where applicable, prior to any work being carried out by a Michell engineer at your site.**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Instrument | | | Serial Number | |
| Warranty Repair? | YES | NO | Original PO # | |
| Company Name | | | Contact Name | |
| Address | | | | |
| Telephone # | | | E-mail address | |
| Reason for Return /Description of Fault: | | | | |
| Has this equipment been exposed (internally or externally) to any of the following?<br>Please circle (YES/NO) as applicable and provide details below | | | | |
| Biohazards | YES | NO | | |
| Biological agents | YES | NO | | |
| Hazardous chemicals | YES | NO | | |
| Radioactive substances | YES | NO | | |
| Other hazards | YES | NO | | |
| Please provide details of any hazardous materials used with this equipment as indicated above (use continuation sheet if necessary) | | | | |
| Your method of cleaning/decontamination | | | | |
| Has the equipment been cleaned and decontaminated? | YES | NOT NECESSARY | | |
| Michell Instruments will not accept instruments that have been exposed to toxins, radio-activity or bio-hazardous materials. For most applications involving solvents, acidic, basic, flammable or toxic gases a simple purge with dry gas (dew point <-30°C) over 24 hours should be sufficient to decontaminate the unit prior to return.<br>**Work will not be carried out on any unit that does not have a completed decontamination declaration.** | | | | |

### Decontamination Declaration

I declare that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and it is safe for Michell personnel to service or repair the returned instrument.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Name (Print) | | Position | |
| Signature | | Date | |

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